1971

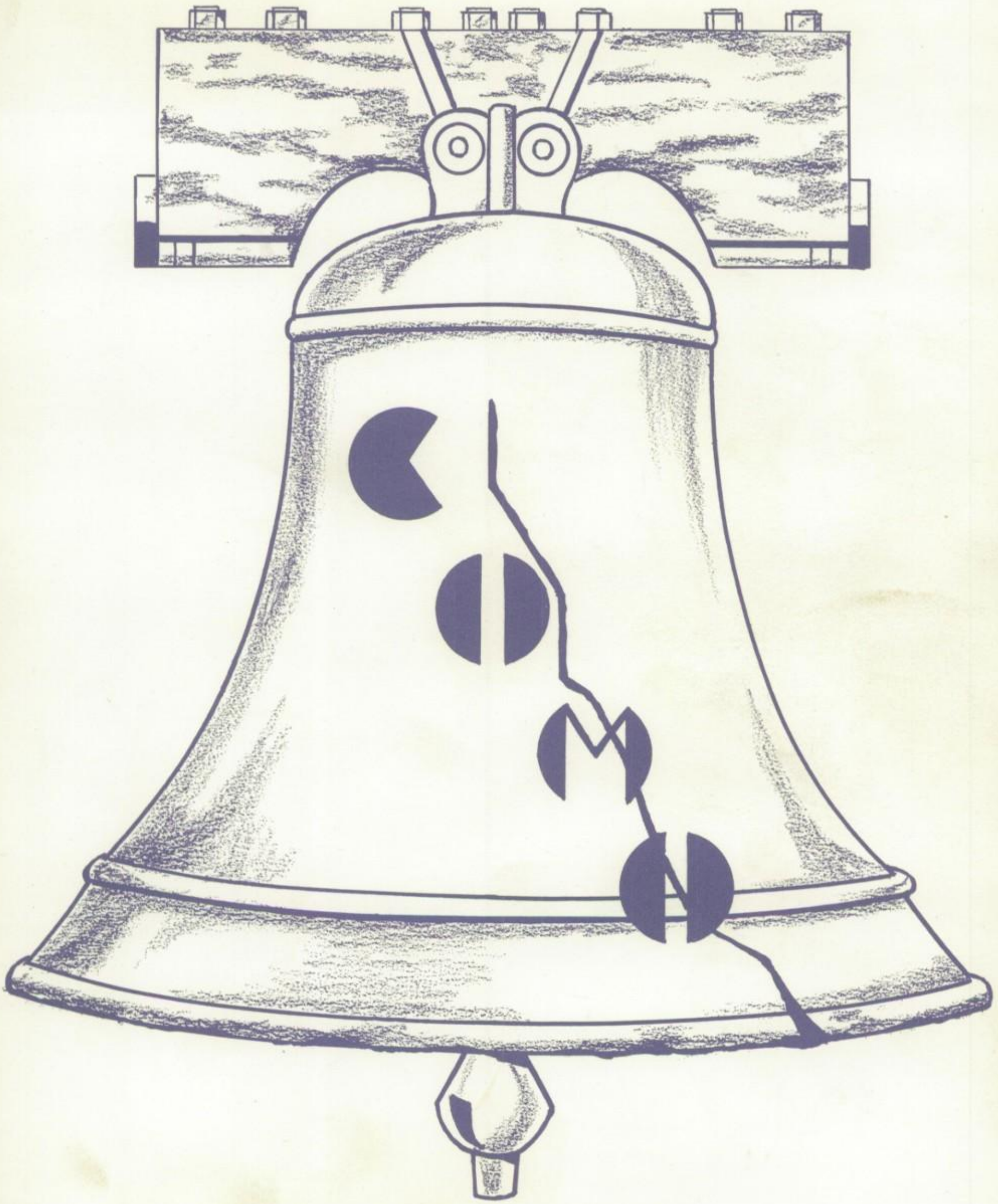
COMO LION

THE BELLS OF DEAR COMO

The Bells of dear Como, I hear they are calling, the school boys and school girls who leave far and near.

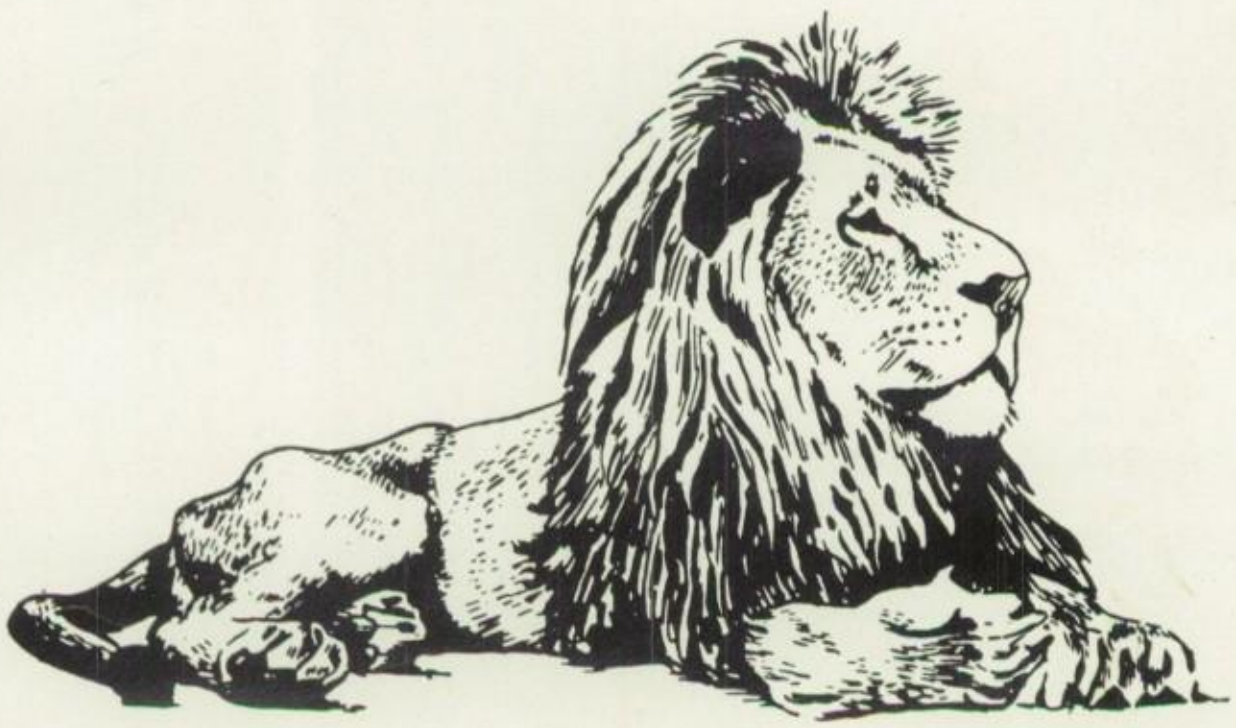
And so my dear teachers, we'll strive hard to please you. We'll study hard for future life and service too.

Theme: # *PRELUDE TO A FINALE*



"THE LAST TOLL OF THE COMO HIGH SCHOOL BELL"

1971 COMO LION



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DEDICATION

To the Memory of

Como Junior - Senior High School

IN MEMORIAM

Sandra Trotter (Grade 9)

Volner Allen (Grade 10)

Melvin Freeman (Grade 11)

Mrs. Sandranette Boone Ray Class of '70

History of Como School

In the fall of 1914, the few families in Como felt the need of a school.

A teacher was employed in the person of Mrs. Lucinda Baker.

This first school had an enrollment of eleven pupils, some under age and others of age. Among those first pupils was Mrs. Ruby G. Crawford Jones, who is currently employed as a teacher at Como Elementary School.

Mrs. Baker taught for two years. Due to the decrease in enrollment the school closed.

A second term was begun in 1917 with Mrs. Tennessee Smith (the mother of our own Teacher-Counselor), Jenkins E. Smith. The following year 1918, Mrs. Pearl Walker Connor was called as head teacher.

After World War I, the community started to grow. As more people moved into the community, there was a need for a bigger and better school building.

Mr. R. N. Riddles was county superintendent at that time, and a building with two rooms was built on the southeast corners of Faron and Bonnell Streets. Mrs. Gertrude Wilherson-Starners was made head teacher with an assistant, Mrs. Geneva Carrington. Later by Mrs. Jessie Raliegh, and Mrs. Ruth A. Greenwood who recently retired from Como Elementary School joined the staff. Mrs. M. L. Paterson came to the school as a teacher in 1931.

The school continued to grow. A custodian was needed. Men of the community had helped supply coal for heating and keeping the building and grounds clean. This task was too much. A full time custodian, Mr. John Adkins was employed in 1933.

The community continued to grow and so did the school. Other teachers were added. In 1935, the school had outgrown its site. A new one was purchased and the school moved to Libbey, Goodman, Horne and Holloran Streets. In 1936, Mr. J. Martin Jacquet, retiring principal at Dunbar High School was hired and remained for 10 years. Mr. Oscar M. Williams succeeded him in 1946. The present brick building was erected in 1950.

Mr. Wilbur H. Byrd, current principal succeeded Mr. Williams in 1967.

The community has continued to grow. Now the school which started out as a one-room, frame building, one teacher, eleven pupil school, has grown into two separate schools with an enrollment of over 1,900 pupils.

However, this year is historical, indeed, because 1971 marks the last year that there will be a high school in this area. The beloved Como Junior-Senior High School is scheduled to close as such and in its place will be Como Middle School with grades six through eight.

MISS COMO

Arzetta Marie Williams

Superintendent's Message

FORT WORTH INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
3210 West Lancaster
FORT WORTH, TEXAS 76107

JULIUS TRUELSON
Superintendent

Dear Students of Como High School:

It is with a great deal of pleasure that I send greetings to you upon the publication of your school annual. It is a real privilege to be made a part of your school and your school life.

One of the pleasures of being superintendent is to know and to work with students. Those from Como with whom I have come in contact through the United High School Council and other groups have certainly made an outstanding impression upon me. Their intelligence, cooperativeness and ability are a credit to your school. I am sure they are typical of the quality of students we find at Como High School.

I send to each of you my best wishes for a future filled with success and happiness.

Sincerely,

Julius Truelson

Julius Truelson

Superintendent of Fort Worth Independent School District

Julius Truelson

ADMINISTRATION

Wilbur H. Byrd, Principal

Principal Wilbur H. Byrd is a native of Gary, Indiana where he attended the public schools of that city. He did his undergraduate work at Wiley College and received his advanced degree and special certification from Texas Southrn University and the University of Michigan.

Principal Byrd is a veteran teacher and coach, and prior to his appointment at Como served as Vice Principal at Kirkpatrick Junior-Senior High School.

Our principal is a vital leader in developing young people into responsible citizens of the future. At Como he has put forth every effort to provide an atmosphere that is conducive to individual growth

and maturity . . . intellectually, physically and morally.

Mr. Byrd has a great deal of school pride and spirit, and has, through his dedication to the welfare of our youth, earned the friendship and respect of the students and faculty at Como.

GREETINGS!

On behalf of the entire Como Junior-Senior High School Family, I bring greetings to you . . . our parents, alumni and friends.

The yearbook staff has appropriately chosen the theme, PRELUDE TO A FINALE, as this marks the final year of this school as COMO JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH. However, I would like to add a sub-theme, PRELUDE TO PROGRESS . . . as this is not the end, but the beginning . . . the beginning of COMO MIDDLE SCHOOL.

Realistically, nothing will change as far as the parental support, goodwill and general attitude of the community toward the school. As a middle school, we still need, and WANT the wonderful cooperation that you, our parents, friends and alumni have so willingly given us in the past.

The doors of COMO MIDDLE SCHOOL, as were the doors of COMO JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL, will always be open to YOU.

COMO JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL has had a short, memorable and glorious history. Our graduates have represented us well in their various fields of endeavor. The school served its purpose well in its day, but since the past is a prologue to the future, let us look ahead with open minds and hearts to the success of COMO MIDDLE SCHOOL.

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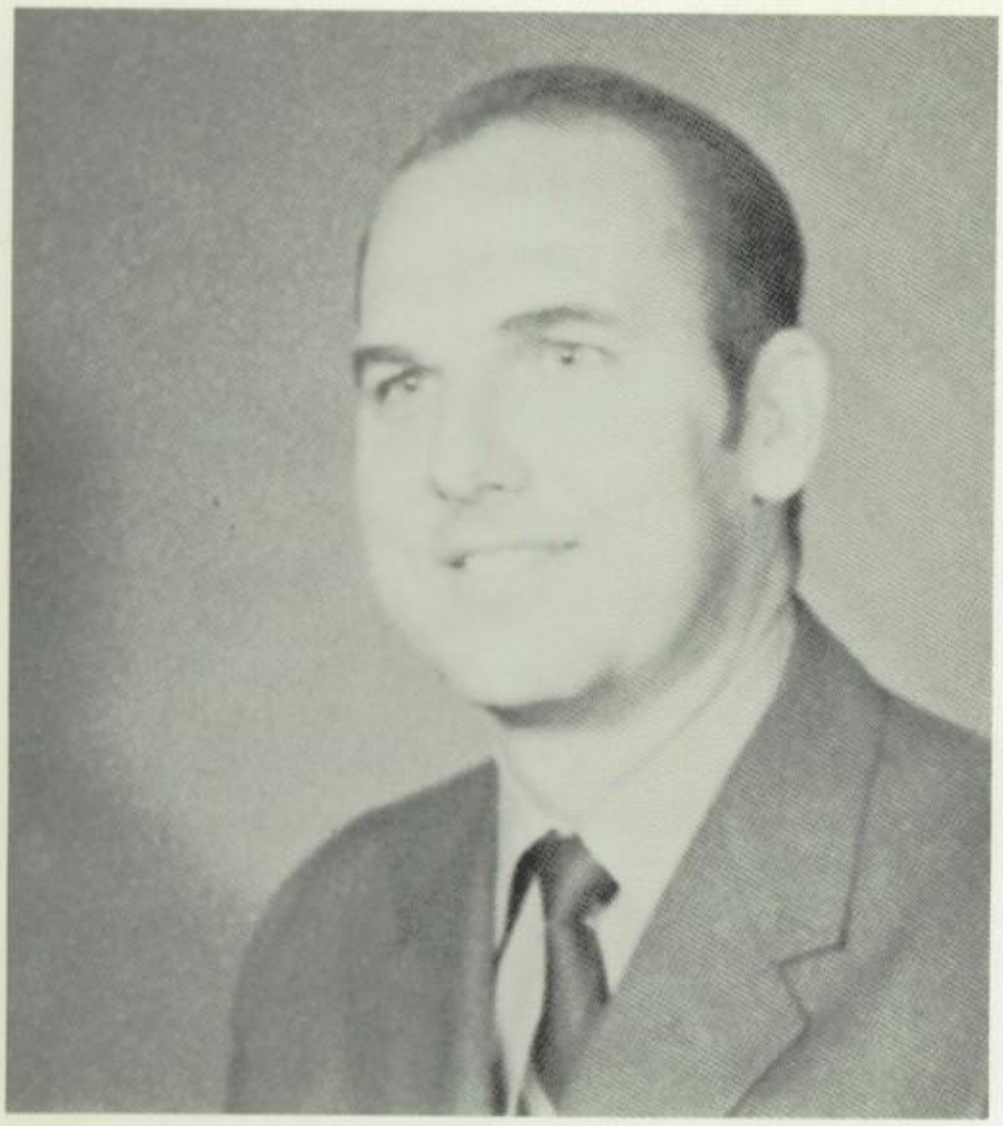
Vice Principal Buddy L. Davis



Buddy L. Davis
Vice Principal

Vice Principal Buddy Davis is a product of Fort Worth. He received his Bachelor of Science Degree and Masters Degree from Texas Christian University. Mr. Davis is a former Teacher-Coach at Monnig, and served as teacher, counselor and basketball coach at Western Hills High School for two of his ten years in the system. He joined the Como family for the first time this year and has served well in his present capacity.

Vice Principal Davis is in the midst of a counseling session with a student, Watkin Hawthorne.

Mrs. Robnett Young Spates - Vice Principal

Mrs. Spates, a native of Itasca, Texas, is a veteran teacher and former Dean of Girls. She received her B.S. Degree and M.S. Degree, and Administrative Certificate from Prairie View A&M College. She has done advance studies at North Texas State University in Denton, Texas. Mrs. Spates assists our principal in many ways, but works primarily with the girls.

Mrs. R. Y. Spates, fresh as a daisy, as she arrives in the morning at school---ready for the many chores she must perform as Vice-Principal.

Office Personnel

MRS. JUANITA IRVING
Registrar

Mrs. Juanita Irving . . . our registrar,
Is most competent, by far.
She's very business like in attire and at work,
And her responsibility is never known to shirk.

Mrs. Irving as our registrar has the responsibility of keeping up-to-date academic records of all students at COMO - Past and Present. You may call her our official "Pupil Accountant".

MRS. BOBBIE ABRAM
Secretary

To greet you always with a smile,
Is Mrs. Bobbie Abram, our secretary for quite a while.
She's soft spoken and full of grace,
And always has the "sweetest expression" on her face.

Receptionist - secretary - girl Friday for the Principal . . . describes Mrs. Abram, the school secretary. She is Como's Official Greeter.

Attendance Office Personnel

MRS. IRENE WEST, Attendance Clerk

MRS. MARY BROWN, Attendance Clerk Assistant

If you are present, absent or late,
Mesdames West and Brown keep your records straight.

The primary duty of Mrs. West, Attendance Clerk and her assistant, Mrs. Brown is to keep an accurate and up-to-date attendance record of every student at Como. This alone is a full time job, but this competent staff does it well.

Special Service Personnel

MRS. PEGGY LEE, School Nurse

Mrs. Peggy Lee, our Lady of Health.
To each of us she does commit
To keep us healthy and physically fit.

The school nurse plays in important part in our sch
Many times some of us become ill at school and find
ifying to know that she stands ready to aid us.

MRS. BILLIE ROBINSON, Visiting Teacher

Although with another school,
Our visiting teacher we share,
She keeps check on chronic absentees
Here at Como, so beware.

The primary duty of our visiting teacher is to investigate the absentees of students who are chronically absent and where possible to make arrangements for home assignments.

The Guidance Department

MRS. WALTER C. BARBOUR
Counselor

MR. JENKINS E. SMITH
Part-Time Guidance Counselor

GUIDANCE SERVICES

Since 1944, the Fort Worth Public Schools, with board of education approval, have had an organized guidance program in the secondary schools. This program grew out of an increased realization that pupils differ physically, mentally, and emotionally. Guidance services were built around two basic functions: the DISTRIBUTIVE FUNCTION which aims to place pupils into activities of schools and courses offered on the basis of ability, interest, and ambition; and the ADJUSTIVE FUNCTION which aims to give pupils individual assistance in school.

Counselors feel that the individual pupil is of prime importance, and his development to the limit of his potentiality is our chief aim. It is our purpose to make all resources of the schools available to pupils in order that they may learn, primarily by their own efforts, to make wise decisions and to solve problems independently. Assistance is provided by our program of guidance services.

Cafeteria and Custodial Personnel

CAFETERIA PERSONNEL (Left to Right): Mrs. O. Everhardt, Manager; Mrs. M. Hughes, Mrs. B. Dupree, Mrs. L. McGee, Mrs. N. Thomas.

The Como Junior-Senior High School family is familiar with the sometimes smiling, but always serious faces of our Cafeteria and Custodial Personnel. They strive daily to provide us with the very best of service. For this we are most appreciative.

CUSTODIAL PERSONNEL (Left to Right): Mrs. Marie Lewis, Rubin Calhoun, and Willie C. Henton, Head Custodian.

Mrs. Dorothy Meeks, President

REACH OUT!

GOD has created a new day,
Disgrace isn't for you.
If you are not content to shirk,
Your mind is a complex thing,
And not always fit for work.
But the new day is before you,
To be in the sun and air,
To live and learn of nature,
And feel better while out there.
Remember there are others like you,
Who from day to day,
Took stock of themselves,
And found what they could do.
Worked hard, and found new hope and courage,
Gained knowledge day by day,
To achieve the most from the new day.

Our Parent-Teacher Association

P.T.A. OFFICERS

1st Vice President	Mrs. Zephyr Stansberry
2nd Vice President	Mrs. Ida Harrison
3rd Vice President	Mrs. Bobbye Atkinson
4th Vice President	Mrs. Hattie Gill
5th Vice President	Mrs. Maggie Mooney
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FACULTY

Jewell Faye Kelly . . .

. . . Teacher of the Year

MRS. JEWEL FAYE KELLY graciously accepts her award as Teacher of the Year from Mrs. Ruth Amend, president of the Fort Worth Classroom Teachers as her co-winner looks on.

Two teachers who have taught a total of 26 years in the Fort Worth Public Schools have been honored as "Teacher of the Year" . . . Our own Mrs. Jewell Faye Kelly and Mrs. Dorothy Stepp, a teacher at Mary Louise Phillips Elementary School.

MR. CHAIRMAN, MR. CHAIRMAN!!

Please lend me your ear,
I nominate JEWELL FAYE KELLY for
Teacher of the Year.
To us here at Como she is surely the best,
And will definitely stand out from all the rest.

J.F.K. has talent, charm, intelligence and grace.
And is our CHOICE, regardless of race.
I have no doubt that I will get a second,
Probably one hundred per cent, I reckon.

All of her co-workers do her admire,
And many, many students she does inspire.
This tribute to her is well deserved,
Too long neglected and perhaps reserved.
By Mrs. Dorothy Atkins Scott, Co-worker

JFK . . . member of the Mod Squad

JFK . . . the Karate Expert

Faculty

Johnie Abram

"Art"
Langston University, B.A.
University of Iowa, M.A.

Timothy A. Austin

"English & Basketball Coach"
Prairie View A&M College, B.A.

Mrs. E. Pearl Benton

"Government"
Paul Quinn College, B.S.

Dillon Bowden

"English & Speech"
North Texas State University, B.M.
Pasadena Playhouse College of
Theatre Arts, B.T.A., M.T.A.

Mrs. Charleen Carlisle

"Distributive Education"
Texas Christian University
B.A., M.F.A.

Mrs. Marion Childress

"Librarian"
Prairie View A&M College, B.A.
Atlanta University, M.L.S.

Mrs. Earnestine J. Cohee

"English"
Wiley College, B.A.

Ulysses S. Cox

"Industrial Cooperative Training"
Wiley, North Texas St., B.S., M.Ed.

Willie B. Criss

"Science & Baseball Coach"
Texas Southern University, B.A.

Jesse Cummings

"Industrial Arts"
Prairie View A&M College, B.S.

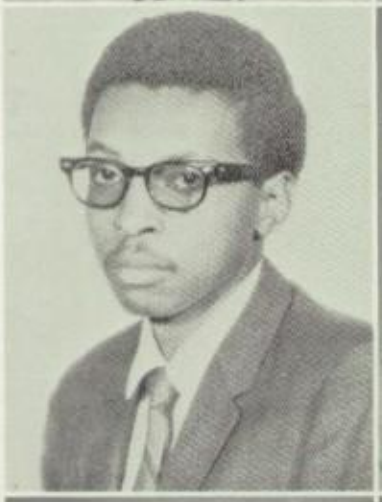
Faculty

Jefferson Davis, Jr.

"Physical Education & Track Coach"
Texas Southern University, B.A.

Mrs. Macie Gardner Duffey

"Biology"
Jarvis Christian College, B.S.



Rudolph Eastman

"Social Studies"
Paul Quinn College, B.S.

Mrs. Camille J. Gardner

"Reading & Spelling"
Prairie View A&M College, B.S.
East Texas State University, M.Ed.

Mrs. Erma B. Grant

"American History"
Huston-Tillotson College, B.A.
Texas Southern University, M.A.

Henry F. Harvey

"Physical Education & Head Coach"
Texas Southern University, B.S.

Lawrence Harvey

"Mathematics"
Bishop College, B.S.
North Texas State University, M.A.

Mrs. Gloria J. Houston

"English"
Huston-Tillotson College, B.S.

Louis Z. Houston

"Social Studies"
Huston-Tillotson College, B.S.

James O. Ingram

"Mathematics"
Bishop College, B.S.

Faculty

Mrs. Shirley Jean Jackson

"Health & Physical Education"
Prairie View A&M College, B.S.

Henry E. Johnson

"English & History"
Prairie View A&M College, B.A.

Mrs. Beverly Jones

"Homemaking"
Southwest Texas State
University, B.S.

Mrs. Jewell F. Kelly

"Chorus"
North Texas State University, B.M.

Mrs. Peggy Kyle

"Mathematics"
University of Texas, B.S.

Robert L. Meaderis

"Mathematics"
Huston-Tillotson College, B.S.
Prairie View A&M, M.S.

Mrs. Mary K. Powell

"English"
Huston-Tillotson, B.A.

Charles Reavis

"Chemistry"
Huston-Tillotson College, B.A.

Mrs. Bertha Reynolds

"Physical Education"
Prairie View A&M, B.S.

Mrs. Mary Roberson

"World History"
Wiley College, B.A.

Faculty

Mrs. Dorothy B. Scott

"Typing"
Huston-Tillotson College, B.S.
North Texas State University, M.Ed.

Nathaniel Scott

"Band"
Wiley College, B.A.

Jenkins Smith

"Mathematics & Counselor"
Prairie View A&M College,
B.S., M.Ed.

Mrs. Shirley J. Smith

"English"
Paul Quinn College, B.S.

Mrs. Fay Sproull

"Bookkeeping, Shorthand, Typing"
University of Texas, B.B.A.

Mrs. Nancy Steele

"Home Economics &
Cooperative Education"
Michigan State University, B.S.

Mrs. Mildred Washington

"French & English"
Johnson C. Smith University, B.A.

Mrs. Martha J. Wilkerson

"Mathematics"
Texas College, B.S.
Texas Southern University, M.Ed.

John Glenn Woods

"Science"
Texas Southern University, B.A.

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Mrs. Rebecca Hoppe

"Homemaking"
Texas Christian University, B.S.

Stanley Scott

"Drafting"
Prairie View A&M College, B.S.

FAVORITES

Gaylor Jenkins
MISS VARSITY "C"

Marilyn Bluitt
TRACK SWEETHEART

CAMPUS SWEETHEARTS

Vanessa Cummings
BASEBALL SWEETHEART

Brenda Alexander
BASKETBALL SWEETHEART

Yvonne Levingston
BAND SWEETHEART

MOST STUDIOUS SENIORS

LaJuannah Drake and Terry Haywood

MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED SENIORS

Wendell Strain and Brendly Boone

BEST CITIZEN SENIOR

Clarissa Sm

MOST POPULAR SENIORS

Jo Ann Hill and Eugene Whigham

MOST TALENTED SENIORS

Judy Charles and Rudy Ingram

MISS VOGUE and MR. ESQUIRE

Vanessa Cummings and Warren Kocinsky

MOST ATTRACTIVE and MOST HANDSOME SENIORS

Melvin Nolly, Evelyn Williams and Richard Lewis

WITTIEST SENIORS

Raymond Loving and Linda Washington

MOST STUDIOUS JUNIORS

Mervil Johnson and Linda Dawson

BEST JUNIOR CITIZENS

Gloria Walton and Eddie Brigham

MOST POPULAR JUNIORS

Wyvonne Levingston and Lewis Wilson

MOST TALENTED JUNIORS

Beverlyn Young and John English

BEST DRESSED JUNIORS

Cornelia Sheppard and Wayne Cash

MOST STUDIOUS SOPHOMORES

Glenn Nolly and Shonda Campbell

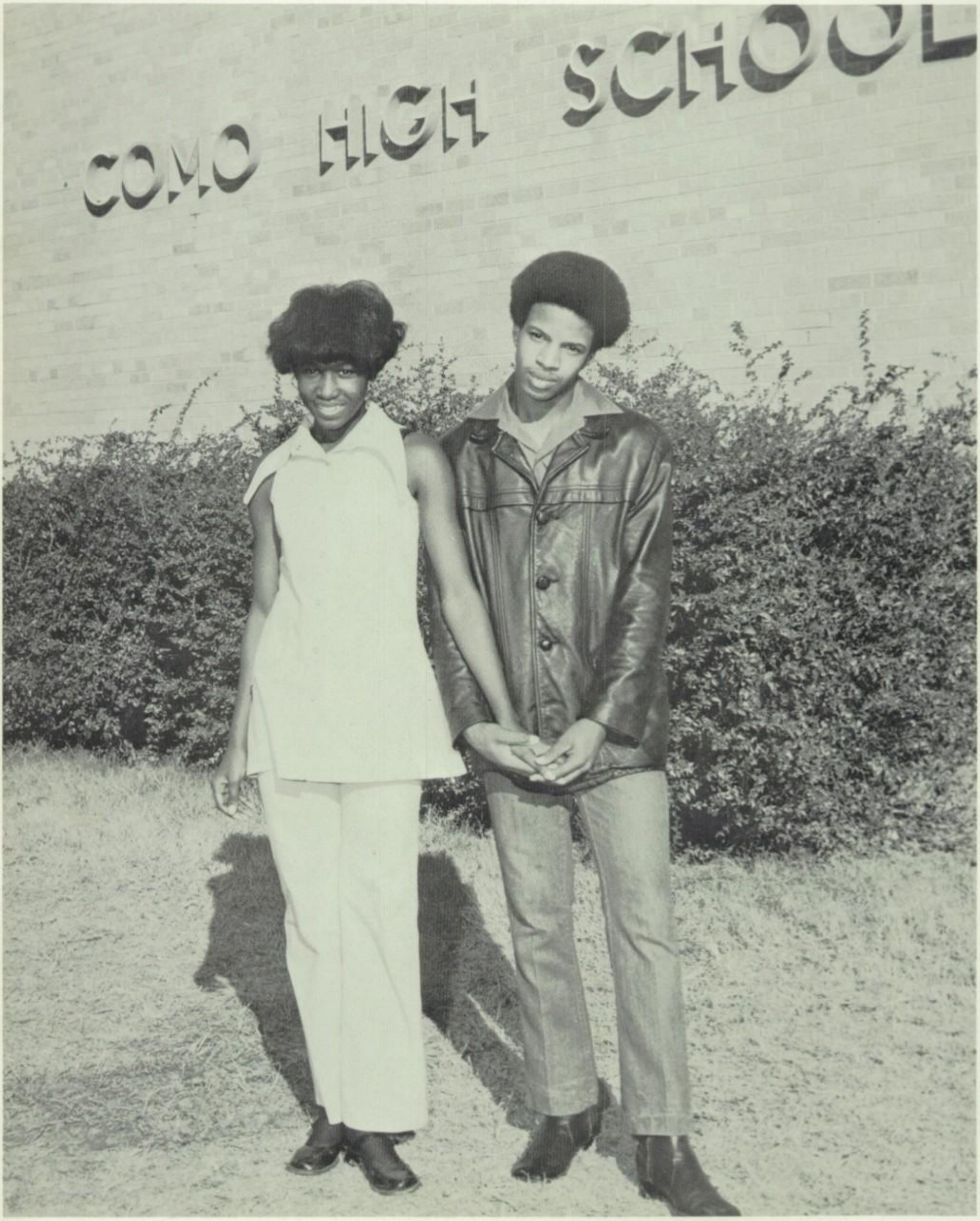
BEST SOPHOMORE CITIZENS

Judy Brewer and Emerson Anderson

FRIENDLIEST SOPHOMORES

Glenda Anderson and Dwayne Cummings

MOST POPULAR SOPHOMORES



Lillie Manuel and David Moore

MOST STUDIOUS FRESHMEN

Lawrence Madkins and Cynthia Harrison

BEST FRESHMAN CITIZENS

Omathell Washington, J.W. Briscoe, Jr. and Sharon Lewis

MOST POPULAR FRESHMEN

Gene Tippens and Ronita Burrell

MOST STUDIOUS EIGHTH GRADERS

Gregory Spencer and Cynthia Board

BEST EIGHTH GRADE CITIZENS

Merkley Drake and Jackie Thomas

MOST STUDIOUS SEVENTH GRADERS

Kimberly Breed and Kenneth Walton

BEST SEVENTH GRADE CITIZENS

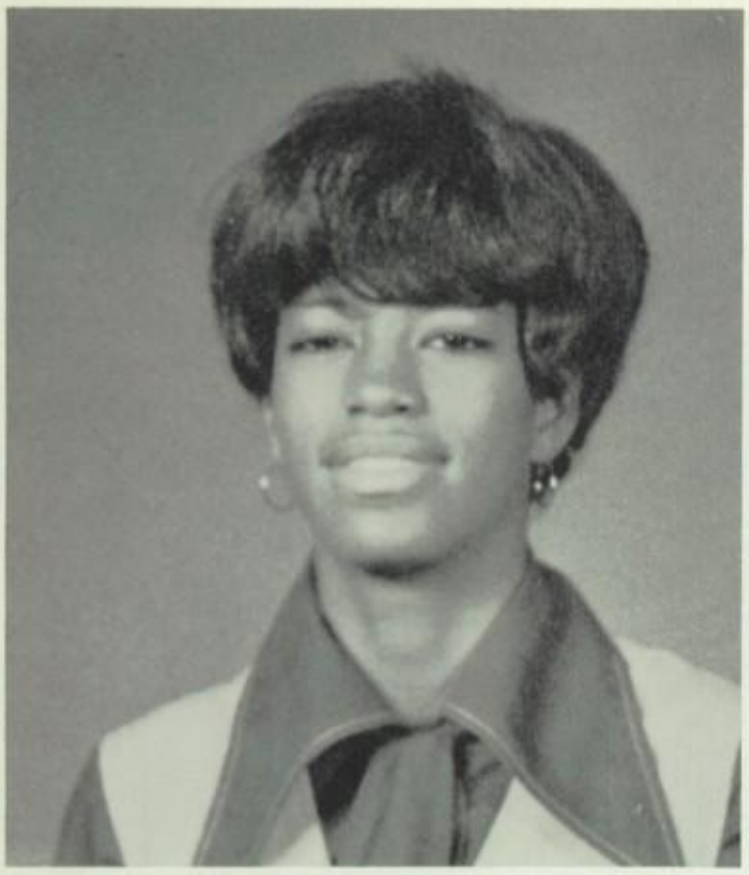
Kenneth Alexander and Shelia Jackson

ORGANIZATIONS

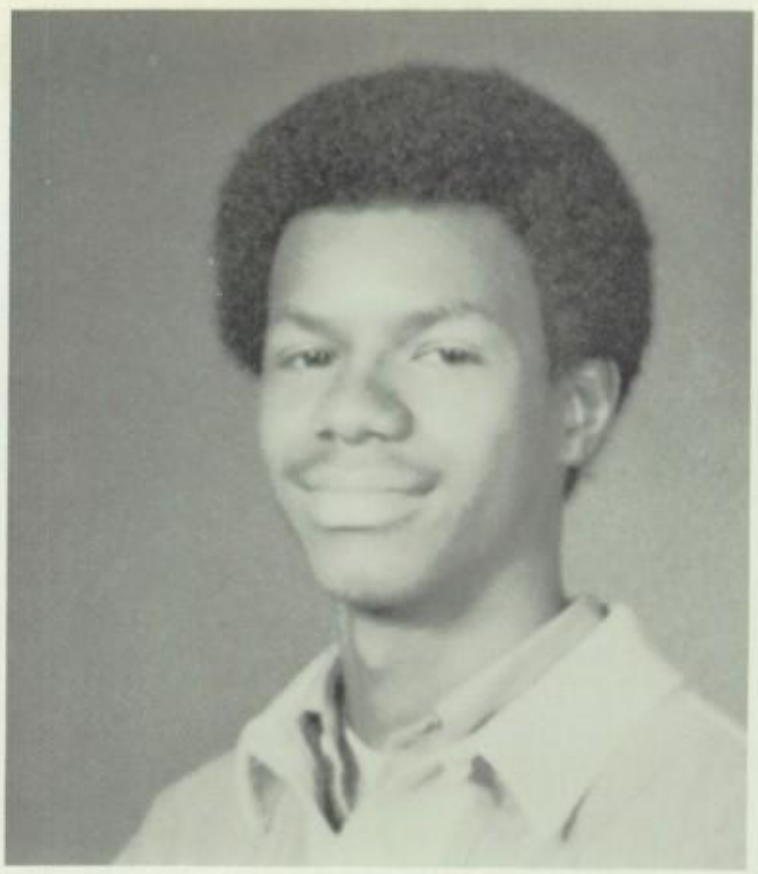
COMO VARSITY BAND:
Student Director,
President,

Nathaniel Scott, Band Director (Inset);
Harrell Haynes;
Billye Sue Roblow.

Band Royalty



Wyvonne Levingston
BAND QUEEN



Harrell Haynes
BAND KING

Majorettes

ROW I: L-R, Bevelyn Young, Dana Woods. ROW II: Elizabeth Johnson, Cornelia Sheppard. ROW III: Syndi Cox, Loretta Deckard. CENTER: Head Majorette, Phyllis Campbell.

Drum Majorette

Evelyn Williams

The Student Council

LEFT TO RIGHT: Dana Woods, Mrs. E. Cohee, M. Washington, Patricia Walker, Eddie Brigham, Vanessa Mooney, and Beverly Sneed.

OFFICERS

PRESIDENT . . . . . Patricia Walker
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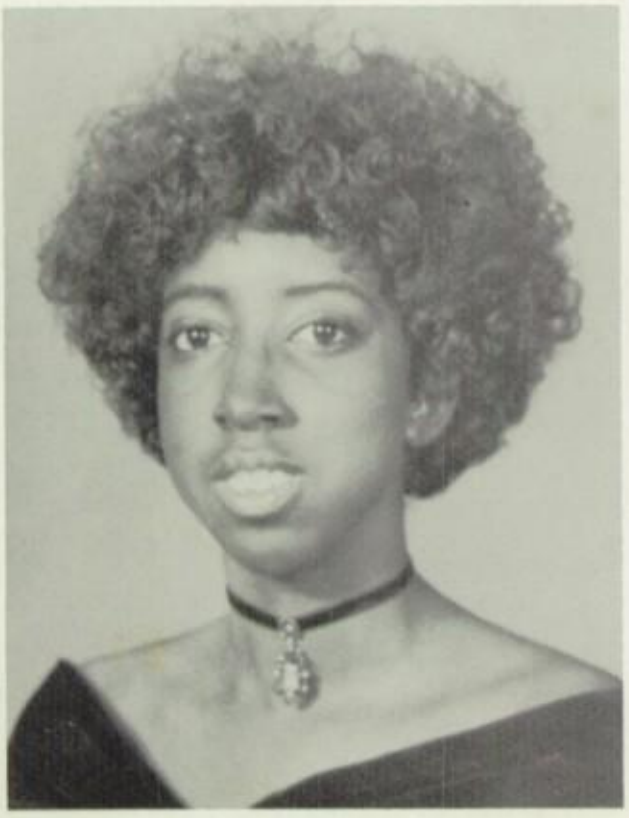
SECRETARY . . . . . Syndi Cox
ASSISTANT SECRETARY . . . . . Vanessa Mooney
TREASURER . . . . . Beverly Sneed
CHAPLAIN . . . . . Dana Woods

The Como High School STUDENT COUNCIL under the capable leadership of its President, Patricia Walker, and Sponsors, Mrs. Mildred K. Washington and Mrs. Earnestine Cohee, has elevated itself to an active and effective position. This year the Student Council along with other students has made an effort to promote spirit, pride, scholarship, athletics and proper attitudes.

Patricia Walker
PRESIDENT

National Honor Society

THE TORCH CHAPTER



Sylvia Mathis
PRESIDENT

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CHAPLAIN . . . . . Zackary Drake

The Torch Chapter of the NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY is composed of an elite group of students who possess high standards of scholarship, character, leadership and service. Sponsors: Mrs. Mary Powell and Mrs. Mary Roberson.

D.E. On the Go!

Terry Haywood
PRESIDENT

Mrs. Charleene Carlisle
SPONSOR

LEFT TO RIGHT: Claudia Sturges, Linda Hardy, JoAnn Hill, Frances Holmes, Douglas Hewett, Andrew Flemings, Brendly Boone, Meredith Winn, Terry Haywood, George Phifer, Mrs. Carlisle, Coordinator; and Earnest Walton.

Shirley Meacham, Gerald Harper and Patricia McGee.

Gerald Harper (Cox's Dept. Store)

Patricia McGee (Leonard's Dept. Store)

Robert Styles (Leonard's Dept. Store)

GO is a good word to describe our ne vocational program of retail, wholesale marketing, and distribution division as it go all the way. These students come t school for a half day and then report to o the-job-training in the other half.

In the classroom they learn the value America's free enterprise system and how works. Their job training, with pay, und the supervision of their coordinators giv them a chance to apply these principles well as learn a profession while going t school. Field trips and speakers from th world of business enhance and broaden th program.

D.E. students are busy and on the go t successful careers in business.

Charleen Carlisle
D.E. COORDINATOR

D.E. Students On the Job

Linda Hardy & Brendly Boone (Anadarko Company)

Douglas Hewett (Neiman-Marcus)

Meredith Winn (Neiman-Marcus)

Ray Johnson (Ridglea Texaco)

JoAnn Hill (Skillern's Drug)

Shirley Meacham & Annie Patrick (Merribee, Inc.)

Terry Haywood & Andrew Flemings (Allied Radio Shack)

Claudia Sturges (Hancock Fabrics)

ROW I, L/R: Lee Johnson, Johnnie Anderson, Anthony Golightly, Elbert Mitchell, Andrew Flemings, Patrick Macbeth. TOP ROW: Tony Russell, Melvin Nolly, J. C. Harris, Donald Morris, Larry Johnson, Lonnie Birdow, Audrey Fowler, Richard Copeland, Carl Franklin, President; U. S. Cox, Teacher-Coordinator.

LEFT TO RIGHT: William Wyrick, Larry Johnson, Sylvia Reynolds, Barry Collins.

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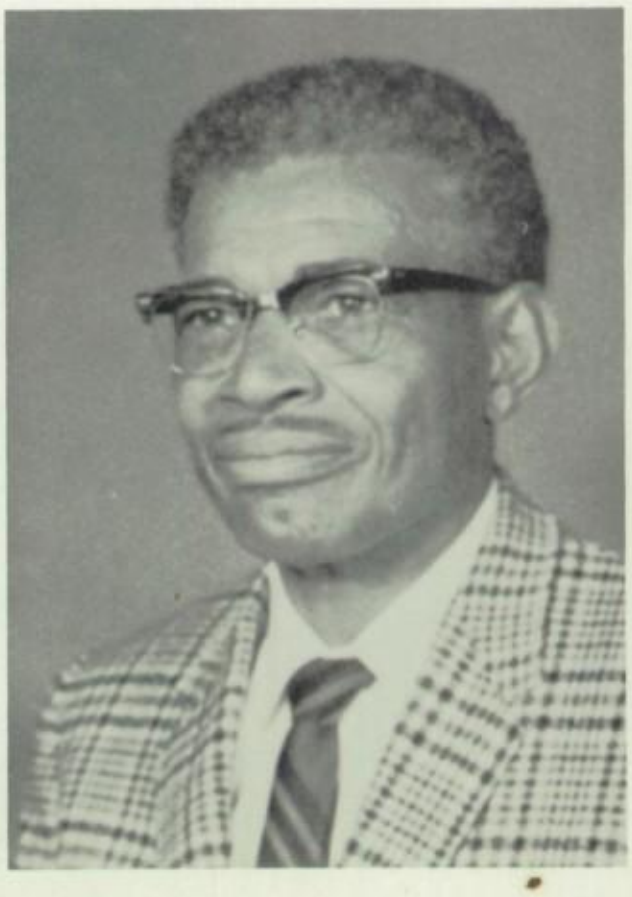


Ulysses S. Cox, Teacher-Coordinator - ICT Program.

Industrial Cooperative Training

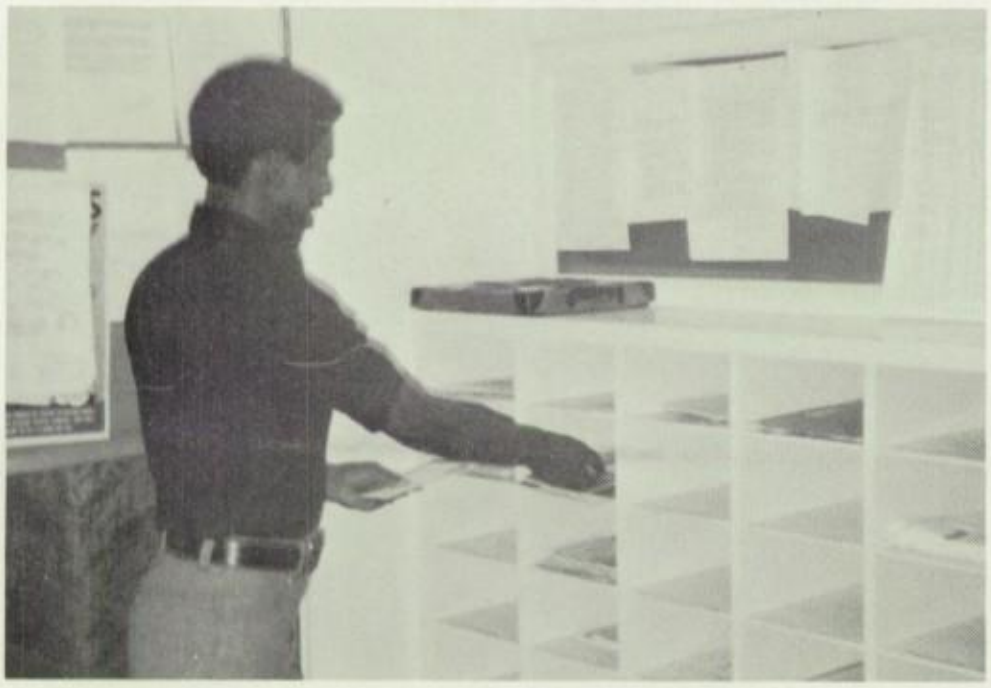
ICT is a unique program of training designed to give boys and girls a cooperative type training in a given occupation of their choice. These occupations are skilled industrial types. The students also receive related classroom instruction in their chosen occupation and receive a total of three (3) credits per year.

The students at Como in the ICT program have been very successful on their jobs and are working in all the various skill areas and are making from $1.60 per hour to as much as $3.00 per hour.

Several students have been offered two years of college free from their employers.

Vocation Education is the type of education that will meet the educational needs in the "Seventies".

LEFT TO RIGHT: Richard Copeland, Frederick Alexander, and Anthony Golightly (Reed's Parts Employees).



Carl Franklin (U. S. Post Office Employee)

Patrick McBeth (Trainee in Printing) and Sylvia Reynolds (Leonard's Shoe Service).

Donald Morris (Chef Trainee at Leonard's Food Service) and James Bills (Chef Trainee at Lavender's).

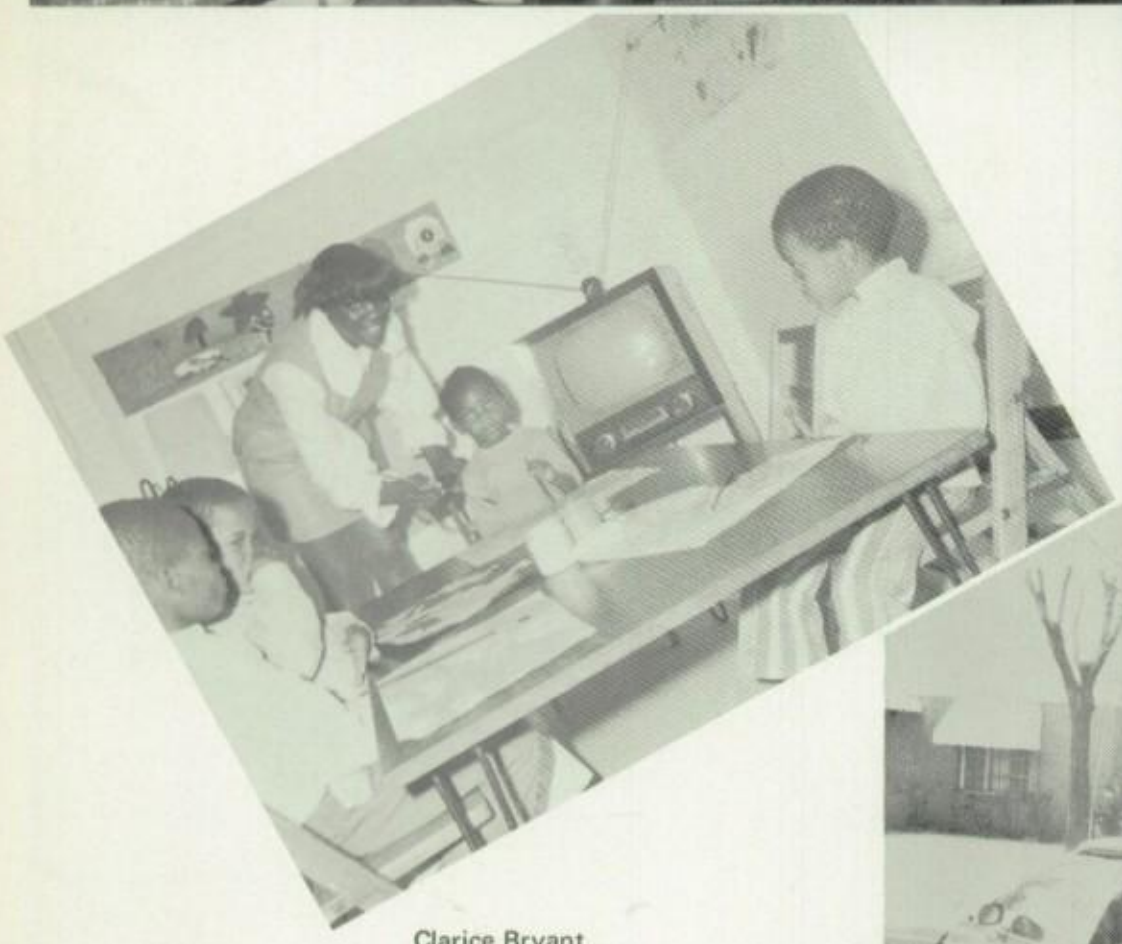
Ernest Walton (Typesetter at Recorder Publishing Company)

Home Economics Cooperative Education Program

The Home Economics Cooperative is the most recent of the cooperative education courses to be made available to eleventh and twelfth grade students. This program has as its aim: to give the young adult the opportunity to seek, obtain and advance in a position of employment related to home economics. The student achieves this aim through supervised on-the-job training and related classroom instruction. Small classes with expended visitation time allowed to the teacher-coordinator achieve the close relationship between school, community and home --- considered by many to be one of the most outstanding features of the program.

Home economics training areas in which students may be employed are food service, child care, housekeeping management, floral design, home-furnishings, bridal consultant and fabric-coordinator. Experience gained from this type of program has proven to give students knowledge and skills which help them throughout all of life.

EXTREME LEFT: Mrs. Nancy Steele, Coordinator-Teacher. ROW I: Bottom to Top, Loretta Deckarda, Clarisa Bryant, Glenda Wilson, Helen King, Rosie Russell. ROW II: Clarisa Smith, Patricia Gay, Donna Hickman, Audrey Adkins, Brenda Alexander, Earl Thompson.



Clarice Bryant
E. C. Memorial Day Nursery

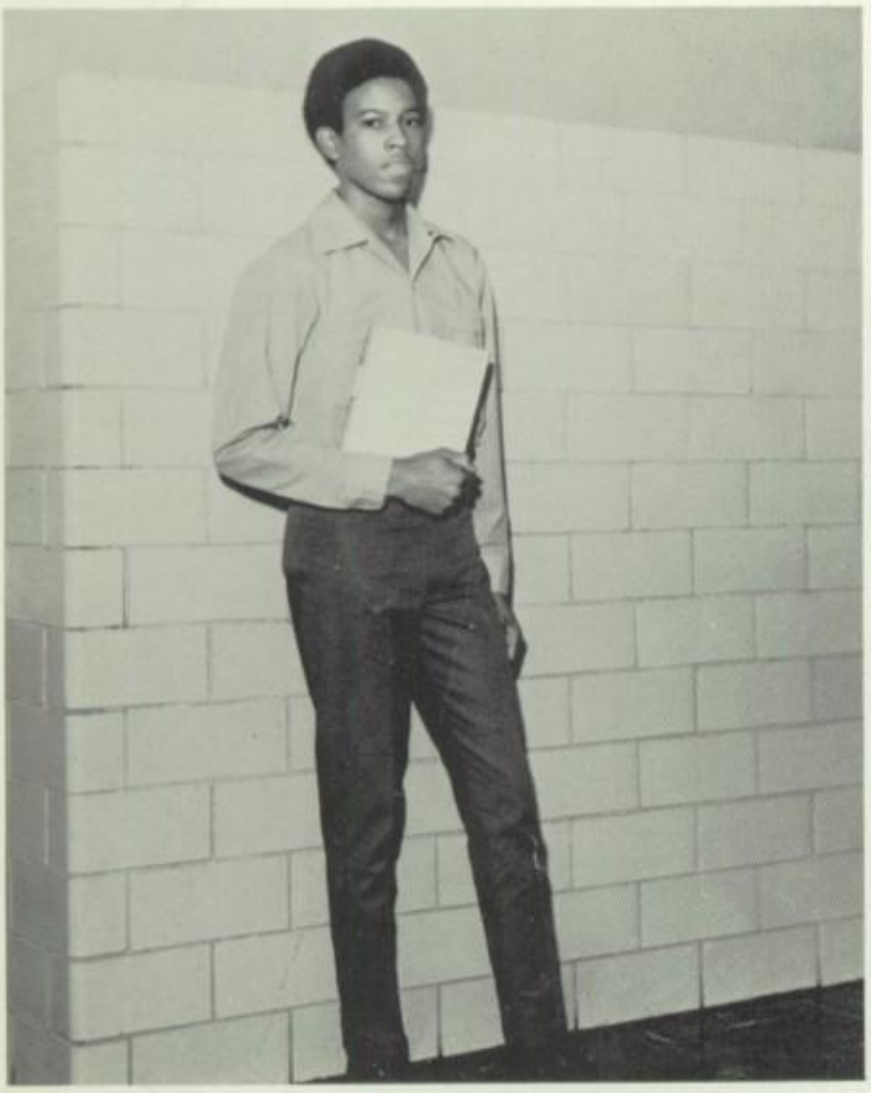
Earl Thompson
Carnation Company -
Retail Store

Mrs. Nancy Steele-
(Teacher-Coordinator) enroute to one of her training stations.

Future Homemakers of America

FHA helps build America's future homes with a basic foundation of understanding and knowledge. With programs pertaining to the homemaking skills, members of the Como FHA go through an extensive enrichment program to develop love and appreciation of the home. Sponsors: Mrs. Beverly Jones, Mrs. Nancy Simmons; Past Sponsor Mrs. Rebecca Hoppe (Not Pictured).

Le Cercle Français



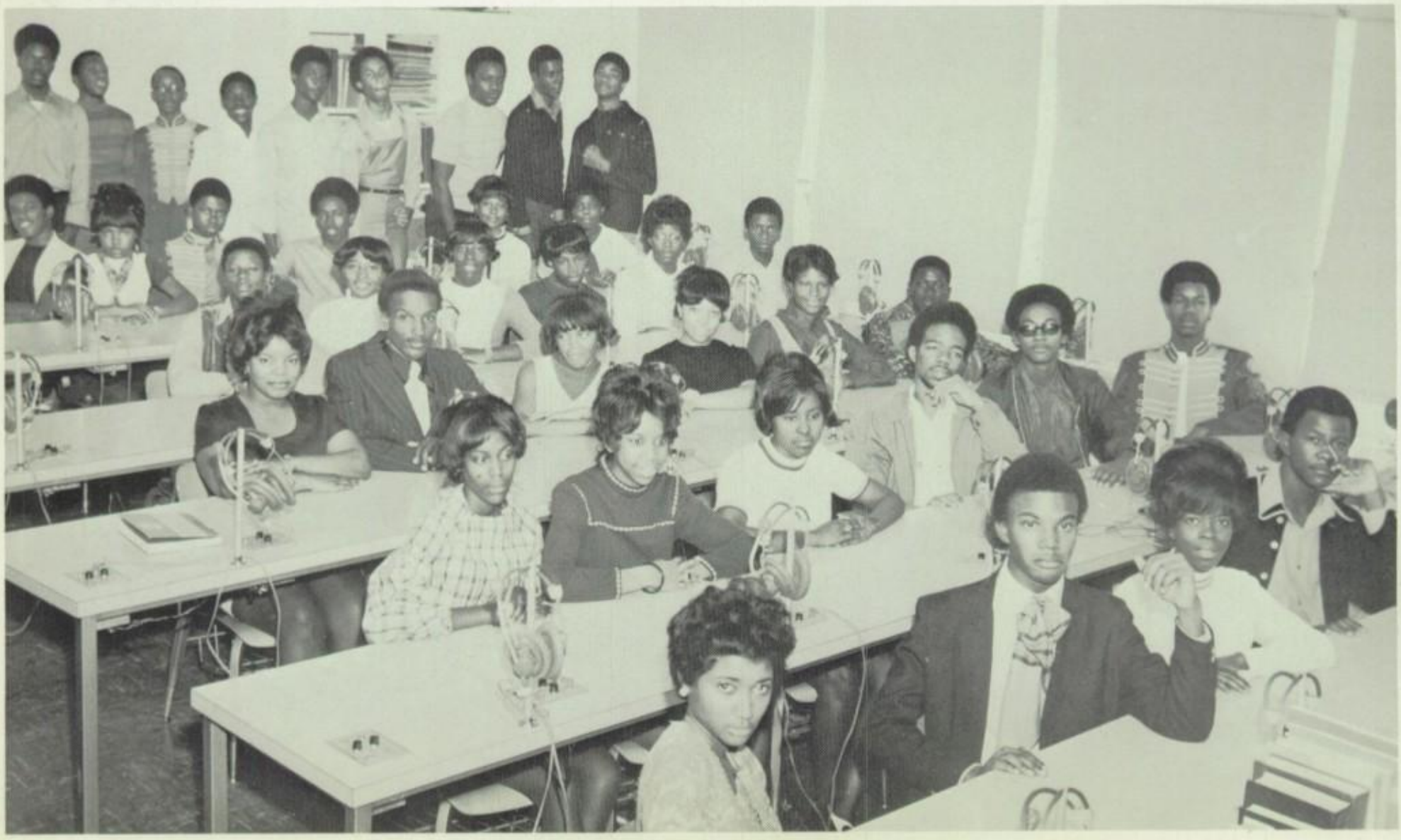
MR. FRENCH - Estrus Tucker

FRENCH SWEETHEART AND BEAU
Gloria Walton and Wayne Cash

The true purpose of a French Club in high school is to enliven the study of French for students, as it provides opportunities for many enjoyable features of language study.

The members of the club had lunch at Le Bistro's Restaurant and found it both interesting and amusing. The waiters spoke French and some of the students responded to them in French. This is just a sample of the type of activities outside of school in which the club participates.

THE CLUB



Glenn Nolly, President; Mrs. M. Washington, Sponsor.

Como English Cultural Club

THE COMO ENGLISH CULTURAL CLUB membership is open to all students. The club objectives for 1971 . . . travel and study of the cultural patterns of Piedras Negras, Satillo and Guadalajara. President, Terry Haywood; Sponsor, Mr. Timothy Austin.

The Speech Club

THE SPEECH CLUB: Participants must be current members of the Speech Class. Objectives of the club are to develop our own natural speaking abilities; to present both brief radio and stage plays that are constructive and relevant to our society. President, Art Williams; Sponsor, Mr. Dillon Bowden.

Art Club

The ART CLUB is enjoying a wonderful school year. The members are busy working with various projects, such as clay modeling, block printing and painting landscapes, cityscapes, seascapes, portraits and still life in acrylic and water color. President, Wilber Rice; Sponsor, Mr. J. W. Abram.

Science Club

The basic fundamentals and principles of the SCIENCE CLUB play an important part in our daily lives. The Science Club helps interested students to better understand these principles. President, Debra Foreman; Sponsors, Mr. Charles Reavis and Mr. Willie Criss.

Usherettes

USHERETTES This select group of junior and senior girls comprise the official Usherette Board at Como High School. They are selected because of their charm, grace, poise, posture, personality and attractiveness. Their duties extend beyond the campus and into the community wherever and whenever needed. Head Usherettes, Marilyn Bluitt and LaJuannah Drake; Sponsor, Mrs. Dorothy Scott.

Debate Club

THE DEBATE CLUB is composed of students in grades 9 through 12 who have persuasive speaking ability. The members are LEFT TO RIGHT: Shelia Procella, Emerson Anderson, Dana Woods, Beverly Sneed, Roosevelt Thompson, President, Jacqueline Turner, Sharon Speed, Shonda Campbell.

Junior High Tri-Hi-Y

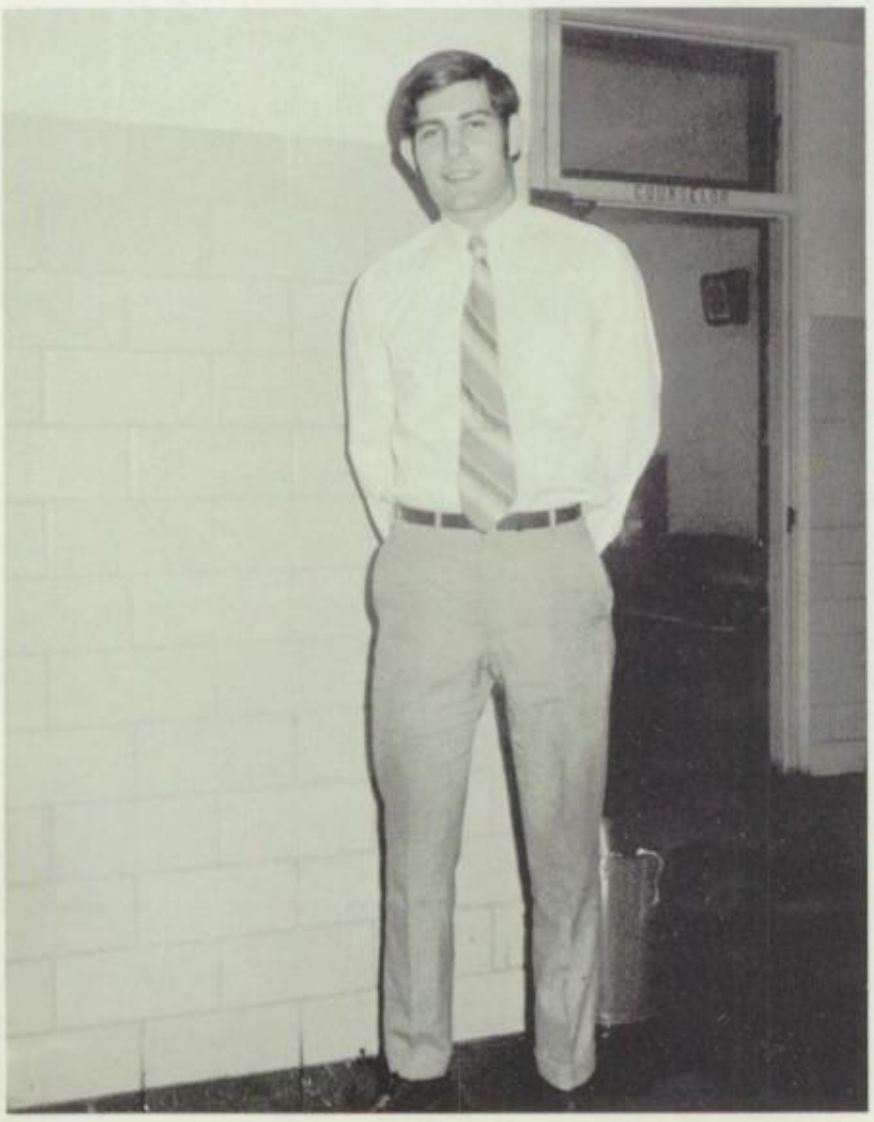
The JUNIOR TRI-HI-Y GIRLS goals are to achieve leadership standards through participation. President, Carol Ann Kirby, Sponsor, Mrs. Camile Gardner.

Junior High Hi-Y

The COMO JR. HI-Y CLUB helps students to become very productive citizens and to achieve high standards. Louis Z. Houston, Sponsor; Kenneth Warren, President; Kenneth Alexander, Vice President; James H. Carrol, Secretary; Gary Booker, Treasurer.

Como Senior Tri-Hi-Y

COMO SENIOR HIGH TRI-HI-Y CLUB Mrs. Dorothy Scott, Sponsor



Allan London
Program Director
Westside YMCA

The Tri-Hi-Y is an affiliate of the YMCA. The major goals of the organization are to help boys and girls to grow spiritually, morally and educationally through various activities.

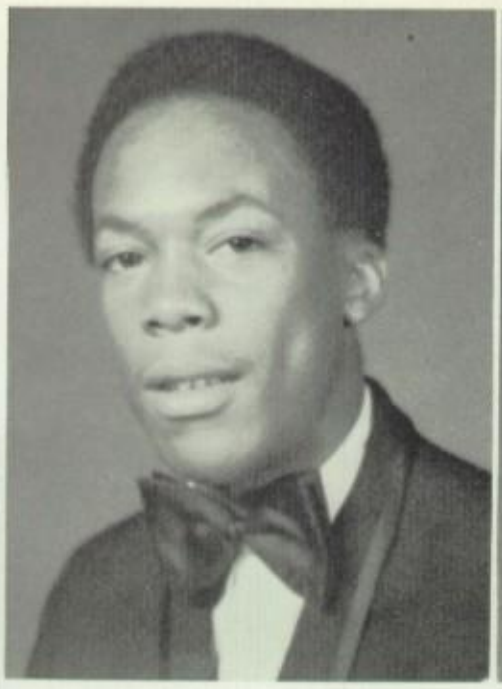
Loretta Deckard, President
Como Senior Tri-Hi-Y Club

SENIORS

OFFICERS, CLASS OF '71, (Left to Right): Linda Hardy
James Jones, President; Emily Miller, Financial Secretary

Vice President; Berma Jones, Recording Secretary; Evelyn Williams, Treasurer.
Parthena Smith, Chaplain; Lucy Simmons, Business Manager.

Seniors



James Paul Adkins

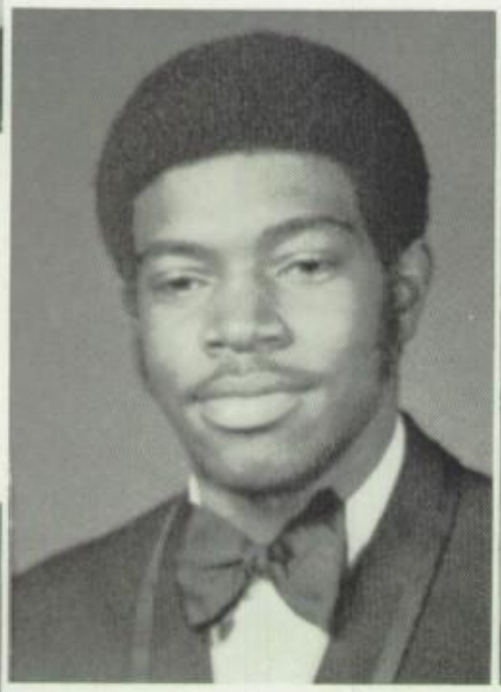
"Quiet as can be and unconcerned too"

Arthur Ray Alexander

"Easy going and likable"

Brenda Frances Alexander

"Friendly, trim, and beloved by Como Basketeers"

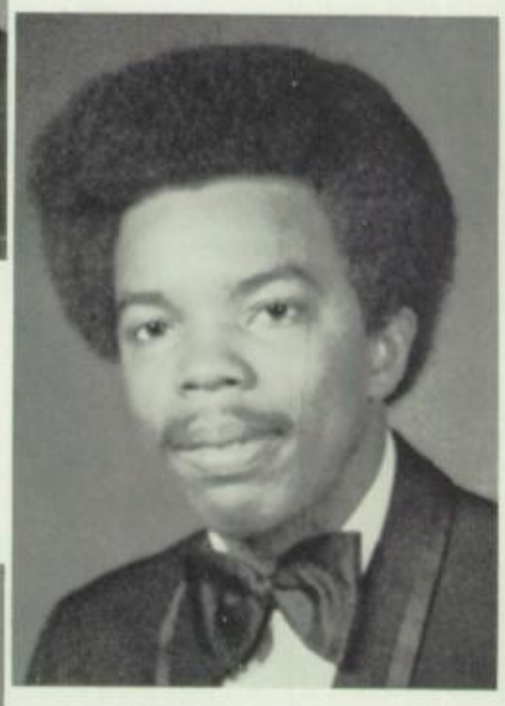


James Allen Bills

"The Friendly Giant"

Lonnie Gale Birdow

"Always there when you need him."



Johnnie Lee Anderson, Jr.

"Courteous, serious and agreeable"

Marilyn Jarene Bluitt

"Sensitive, agreeable and always well groomed"

Shelia Dorsey Brice

"Midterm graduate"

Brendly Boone

"I just can't help myself, I'm a lady."

Cynthia Elaine Brightmon

"Reserved for the future."

Seniors

Elizabeth Louise Brooks

"Talkative and sassy"

Linda Sue Brown

"Controversially sweet"

Thomas Burleson

"Cool, calm and playful."

Anthony Ray Carraway

"Sweet and meddlesome"

Regina (Judy) Charles

"Como's Aretha Franklin"

Wendell Lloyd Campbell

"His every little antic
makes the teacher frantic"

Barry Maurice Collins

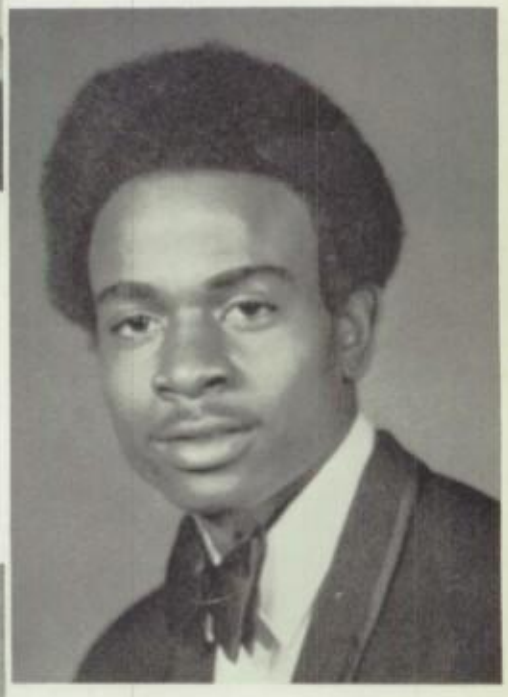
"Como's Casanova . . .
So he thinks"

Richard Earl Copeland

"Handsome, quiet and
well liked"

Syndi Arletha Cox

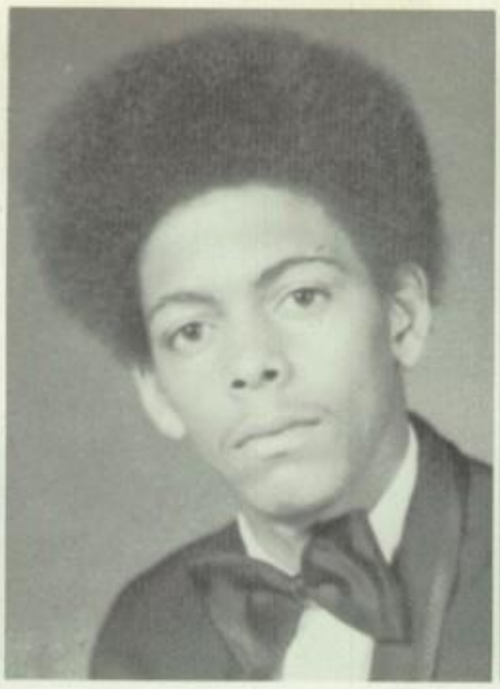
"I'm not prejudiced,
just particular."



James Edward Cooks

"BB- The Star"

Seniors



Rickey Andre' Lynn Crosby

"I can't decide on my first love . . . my girl or my car."

Vanessa Dale Cummings

"Wouldn't it be a grand world, if everyone were just like me"

Chaketha Darden

"Mighty sweet and mighty nice"

Phyllis Davis

"Petite, sweet and neat"

Loretta Ann Deckard

"Does her own thing in an authoritative way"

Michahel Dawson

"You should read by book of stories"

Cheri Selma Dervin

"Babyish, timid and considerate of others"

Shirley Ray Dorsey

"The Loquacious Stroller"

La Juannah Drake

"How can one little head hold so much knowledge"

Roy Lee Dorsey

"A little shy and not so mild"

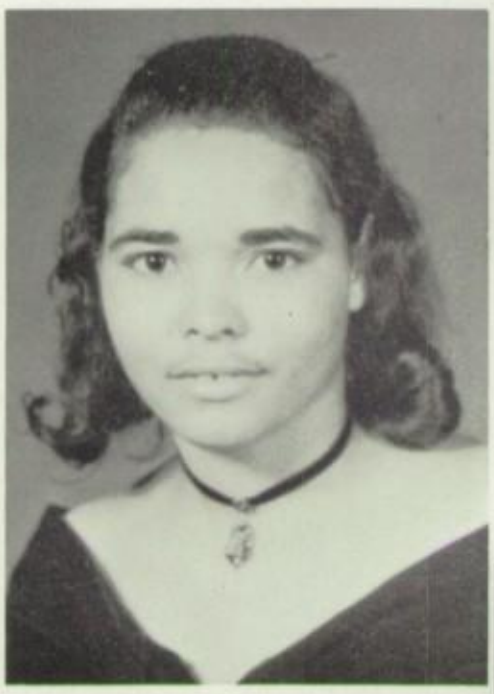
Seniors

Esther Duffey

"Sometimes quiet and always serious."

Glenda Forge

"Charming"

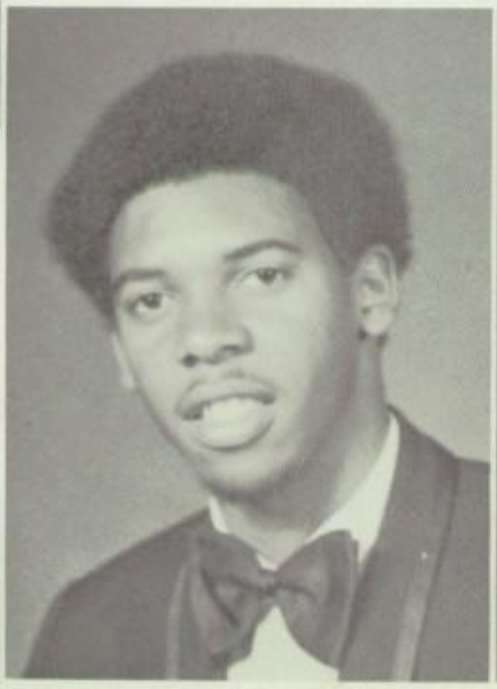


Rubye Faye Forge

"Attractive and mature."

Audrey Preston Fowler

"Pleasant and easy going"



Carl Ray Franklin

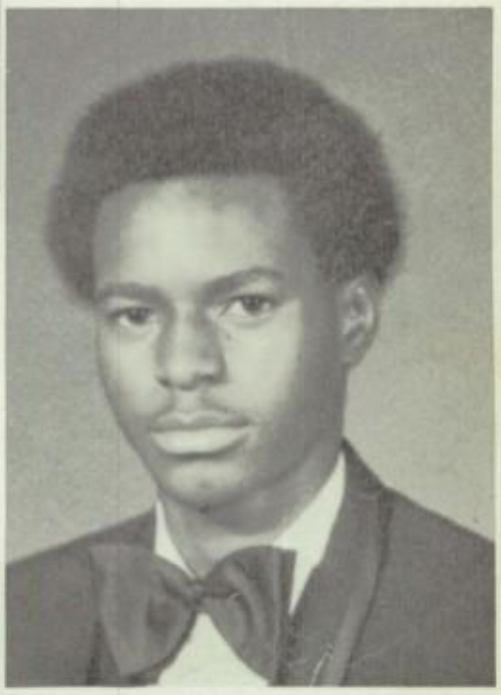
"I'm foot loose and fancy free, now."

Ivory Gardner

"Shy and unconcerned."

Patricia Ann Gay

"Quiet but a conservative little miss."



Anthony Golightly

"Mischievously pleasant."

George Green

"The Joker"

Linda Kaye Hardy

"Sweet, regal, and poised."

Seniors

Gerald Harper

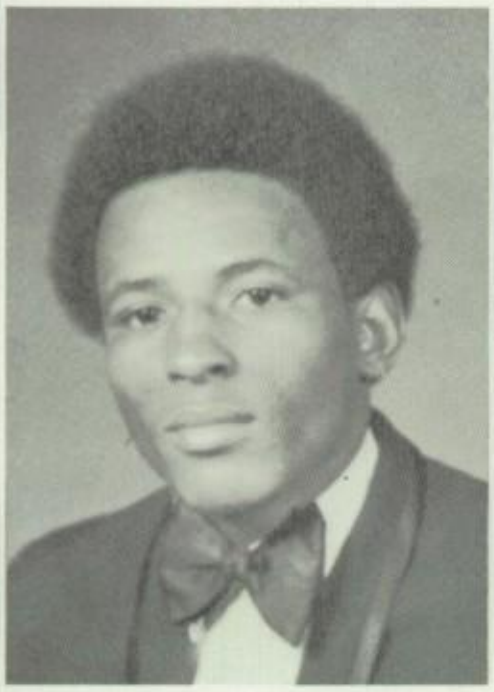
"Como's No. 1 male."

Terry Roneil Haywood

"Tall, suave and personable."

Estella Henry

"You can't help being natural, when you're naturally nice."



Larry Maurice Hickman

"Tempermental Star"

JoAnn Hill

"A model girl with a model figure."

Douglas Wayne Hewett

"He who believes, will achieve."

Gloria Helen Holloway

"Not easy to know but likeable when you do."

Aubrey Howard

"The girls I like to tease, and everyone to please."

Francis Holmes

"Midterm graduate"

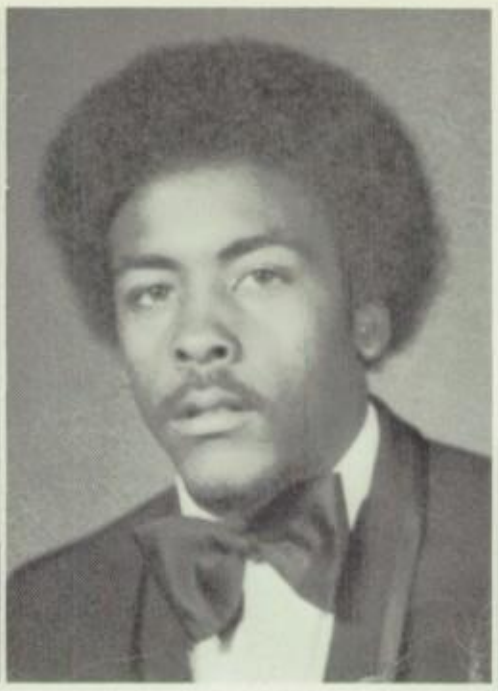
Julius Howard

"Conservative in manners, but not in dress."

Seniors

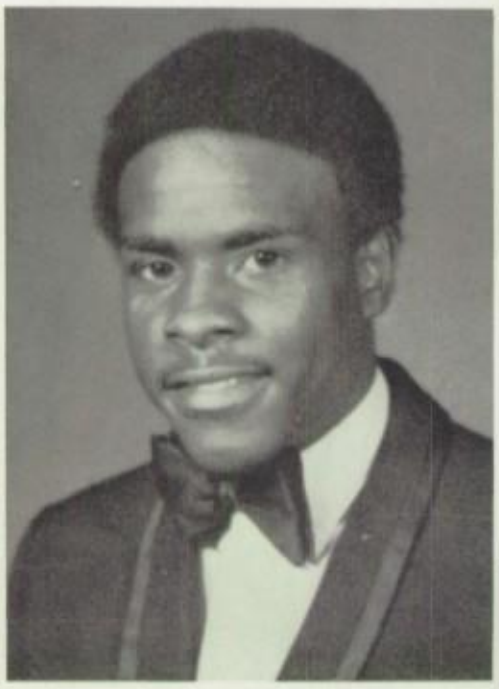
Marsha Hudson

"Midterm graduate"



Melvin Hughes

"Handsome, kind, and sometimes shy."

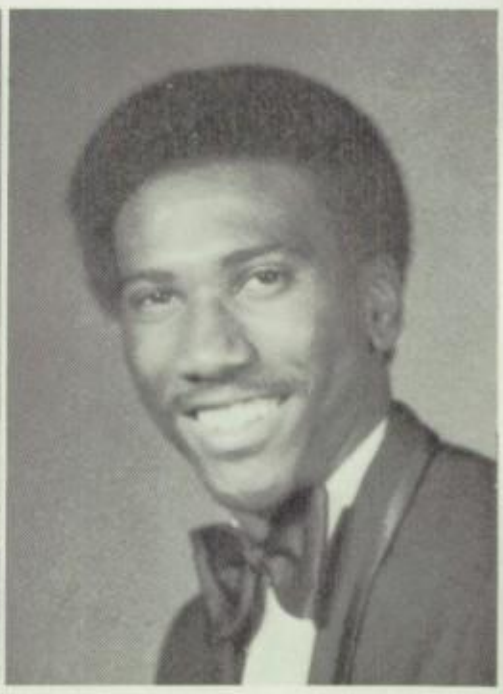


Nathaniel Hughes

"Quiet and shy."

Gloria Ingram

"A real mini fox."



Jesse Ingram

"Athletic, dependable, the executive type."

Archie Hunt

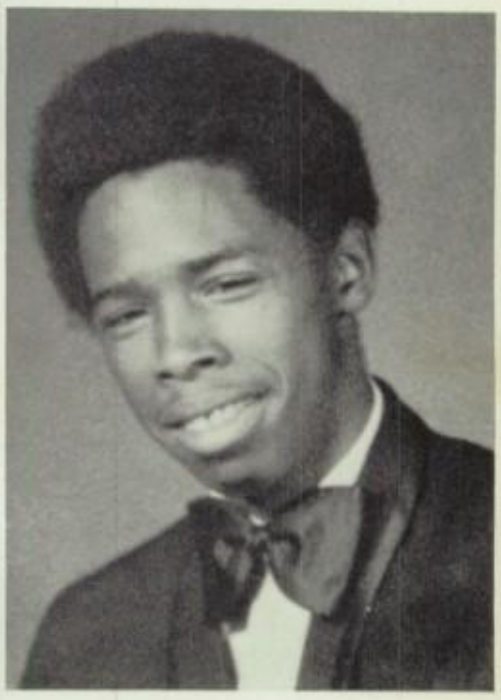
"Sturdy as a tree, a leader he will be."

Rudy Ingram

"Musically and artistically talented"

Debra Johnson

"She'd lose her studious head if it weren't attached to her body."



Robert Jackson

"Quiet and talented with a pleasing personality."

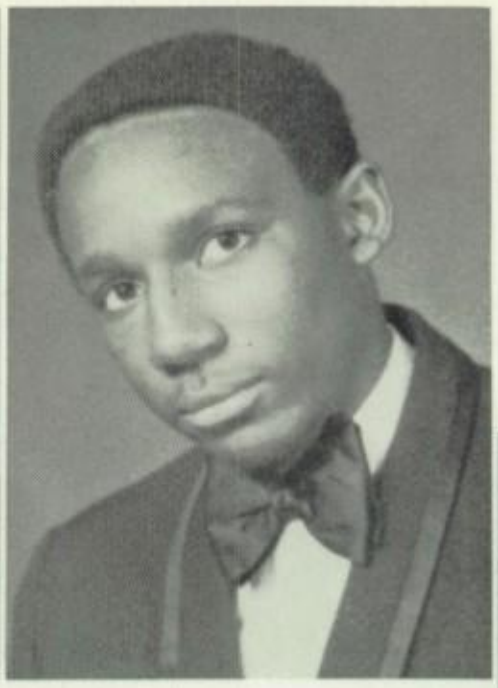
Elizabeth Johnson

"Chic and athletic."

Seniors

Larry Johnson

"A happy go lucky guy."



Lawrence Johnson

"Blabblative, comical and interesting."

Lee Johnson

"Manly, communicative and well liked."

Robert Johnson

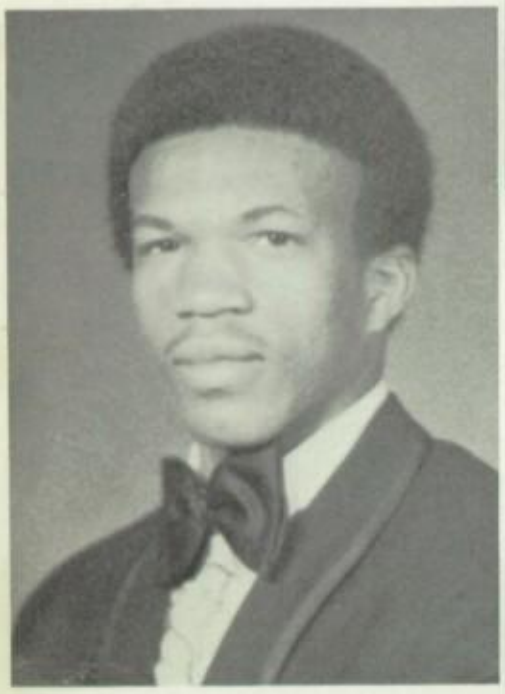
"Quiet and unpretentious"

Berma Jones

"Work done with heart and soul, always merits the honor roll."

Marilyn Johnson

"Pleasant, scholarly, and unassuming."

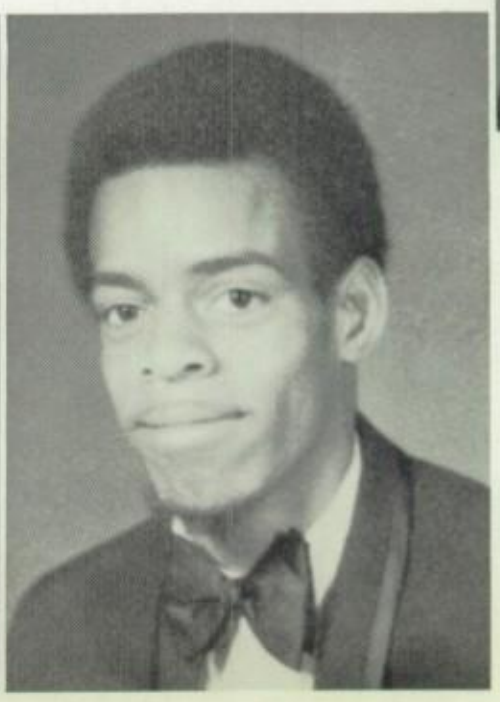


James Jones

"Every girl's friend, and no one's guy."

Helen King

"A friendly and sensitive Miss."



Charles Jordan

"Happy-go-lucky and carefree."

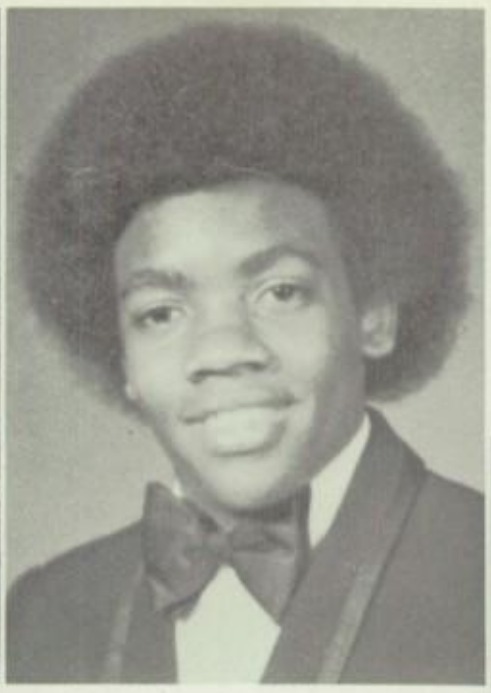
Warren Kochinsky

"Smooth and debonair."

Seniors

Patricia Lacy

"Blondie has nothing on her . . except Dagwood . . . She too is sweet and chic."

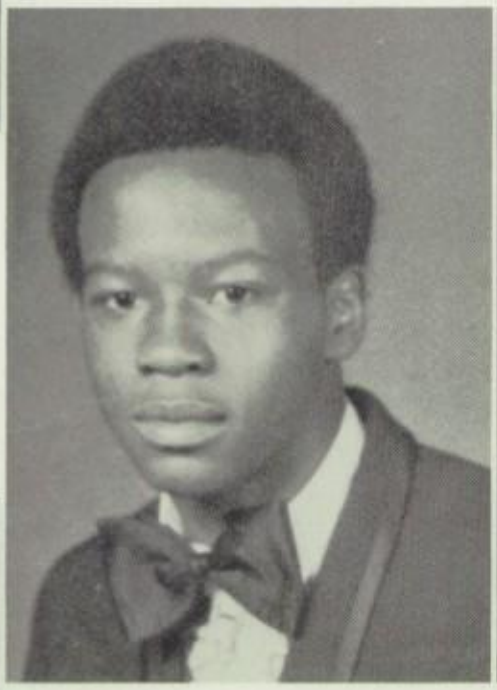


Arthur Larkins

"Meddlesome, popular, and dramatic."

Richard Carter Lewis

"Mr. Rock Hudson, if you please."



Raymond Gordon Loving

"Seldom seen with books, but always with a smile."

Elemarie Lusk

"Quiet, shy, friendly."

Mary Helen Lincoln

"Midterm graduate"

Freddie Majors

"Many doubt his bashful ways."

Kim Renard Marshall

"A smile for every boy and two for every girl."

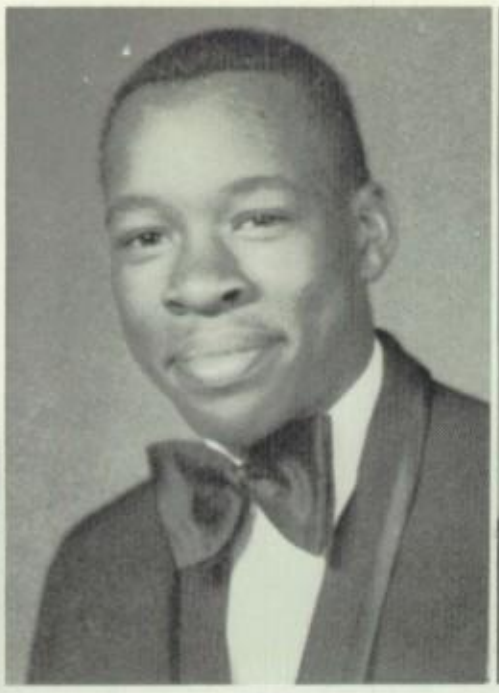
Sylvia Mathis

"Friendly, studious, well-groomed."

Debra Jefferson

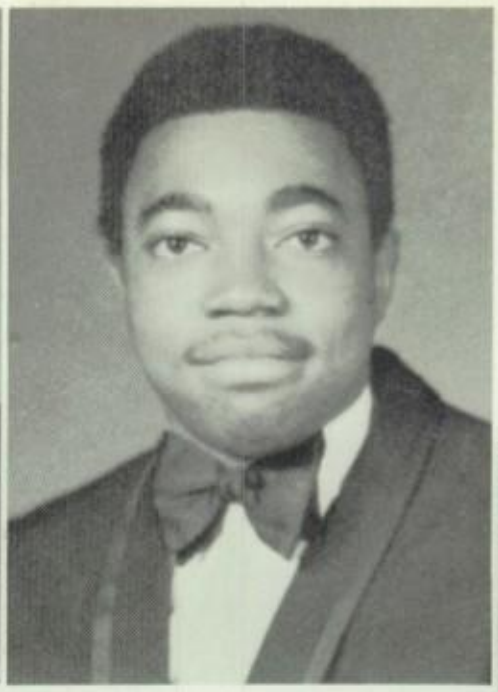
"Cute and charming."

Seniors



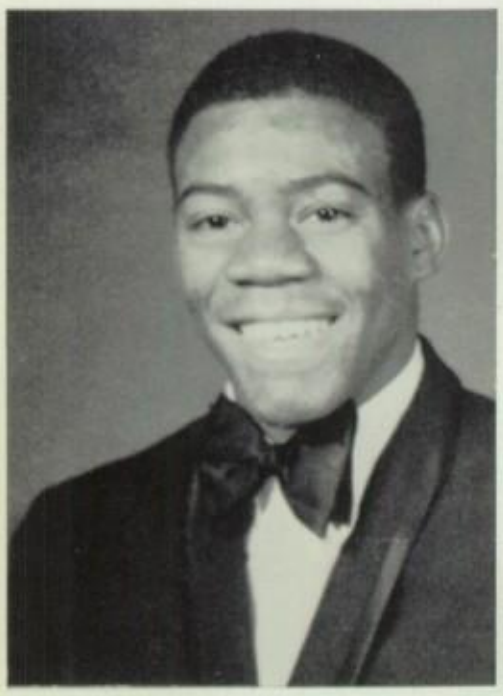
Leonard Mayberry

"Carefree and playful."



Robert Meachem

"He who says the least accomplishes the most."



Marvin Meeks

"Another Bob Hayes."

Emily Miller

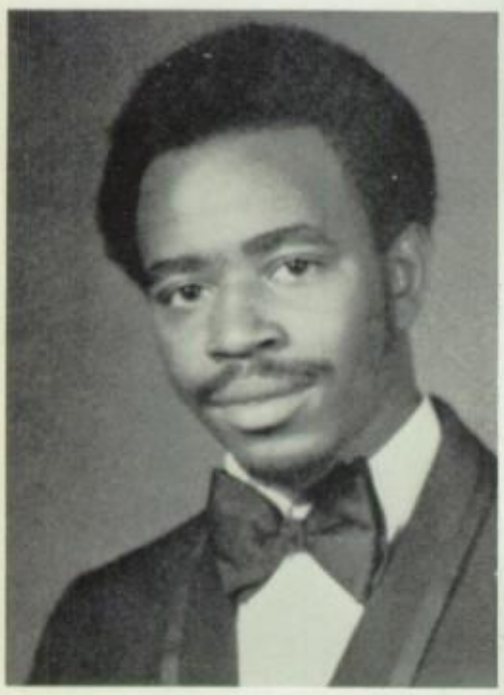
"If personality alone was the key to success, then she'd be a millionaire."

Elbert Mitchell

"Slow and argumentative."

Willie Moffett

"Midterm graduate"



Melvin McAfee

"A most nonchalant young man."

Frances McDowell

"Nice, nice, nice."

Phyllis McDowell

"If silence is golden, she's 14K."

Patricia McGee

"Friendly and sociable."

Seniors

Melvin Nolly

"To know him is to love him."

Warren Overton

"Happy go lucky"

George Edward Phifer, III

"Georgie come lately"

Robbie Earl Ragsdale

"The one and only . . . Mr. Cupid."

Laura Faye Ralston

"I take my fun where I find it."

Carol McGrew Ray

"Midterm graduate"

Dennis Wayne Reece

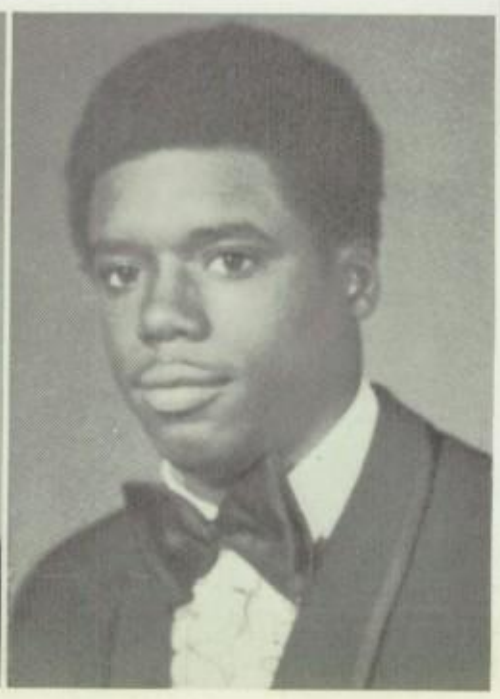
"Around him, a friendly atmosphere prevails."

Sylvia Leuna Reynolds

"Unconcerned and nonchalant"

Regina Hill Richardson

"Cute and carefree"



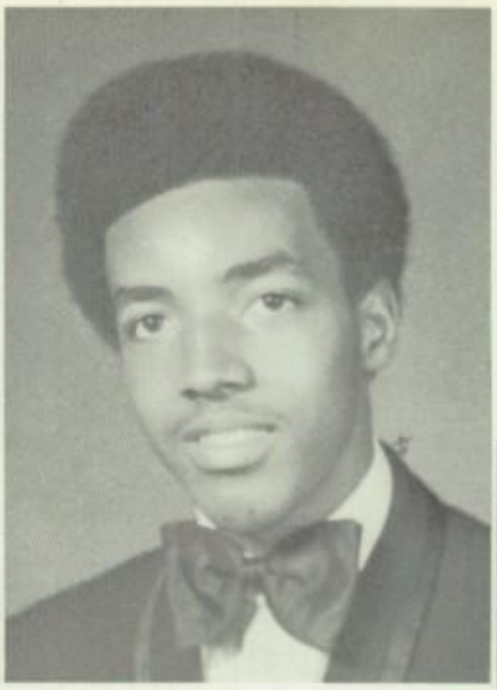
Louis Bertrand Roberts

"Como's Dennis the Menace"

Seniors

Billye Sue Roblow

"I have a favorite pastime . . . talking."



Tony Russell

"Level-headed, dependable and quiet."

Lucy Simmons

"Soon to be America's greatest choreographer."

Parthenia Smith

"Charmingly pleasant"

Shirley Spillman

"Nonchalant and demure"

Clarissa Smith

"Friendly, agreeable and a good citizen."

Wendell Strain

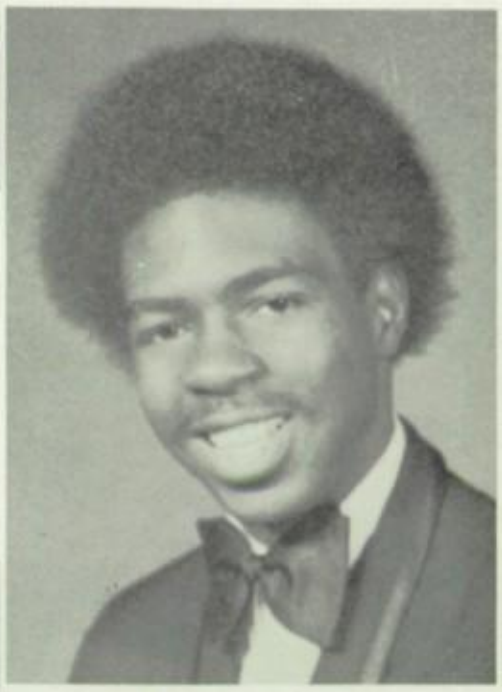
"Good-natured, honest and intelligent"

Robert Styles

"A one man style show"

Willye Nell Taylor

"Argumentative and popular"



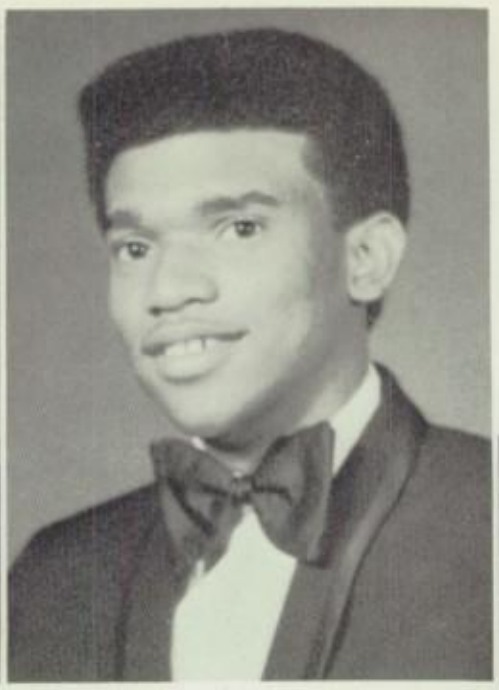
James Strong

"Happy-go-lucky and mischievous"

Seniors

Patsy Thompson

"Swift but nice"



Roosevelt Thompson

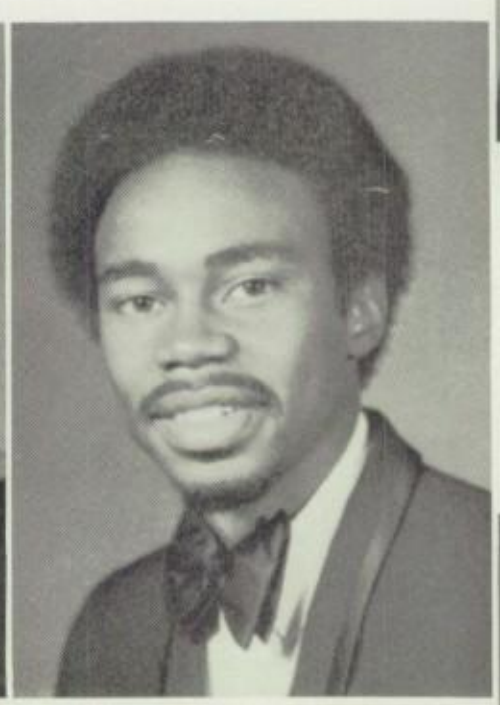
"I've got that European flare, now."

Walter Vaughn

"Enthusiastic, friendly and sociable"

Virginia Walker

"Chattery, comical and nice"



Ernest Walton

"Cool, calm and collected"

Patricia Walker

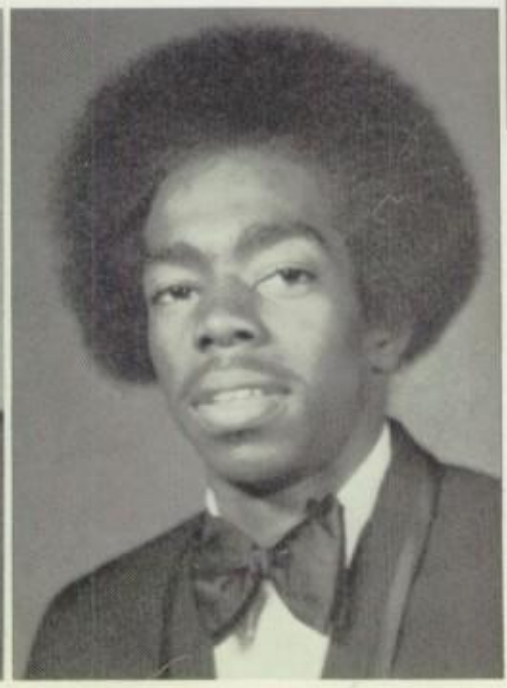
"A quiet little Miss with motives unknown."

Linda Washington

"Midterm graduate"

Michael Wheaton

"The Mischief Maker"



Eugene Whigham

"Track Star"

Ernest Webb

"Tempermental and disputatious"

Arzetta Marie Williams

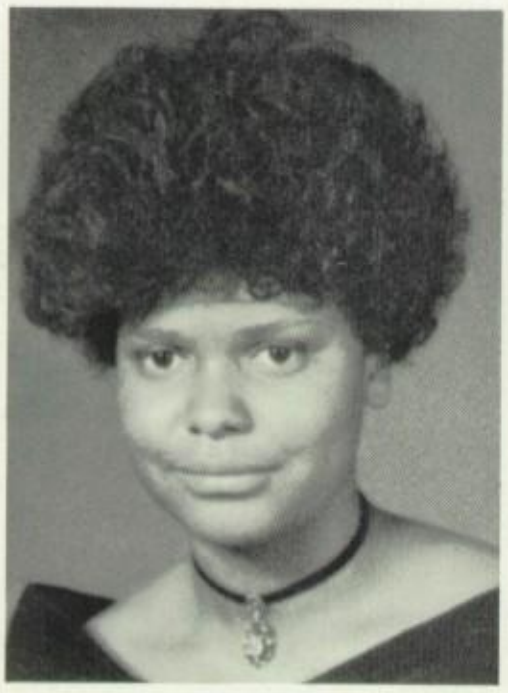
"Graceful, charming
and regal"

Evelyn Laverne Williams

"Easy to look at and even
better to know."

Reginal Gaylord Williams

"Comical and carefree"



Glenda Ann Wilson

"Tempermental and
authoritative"

Meredith June Winn

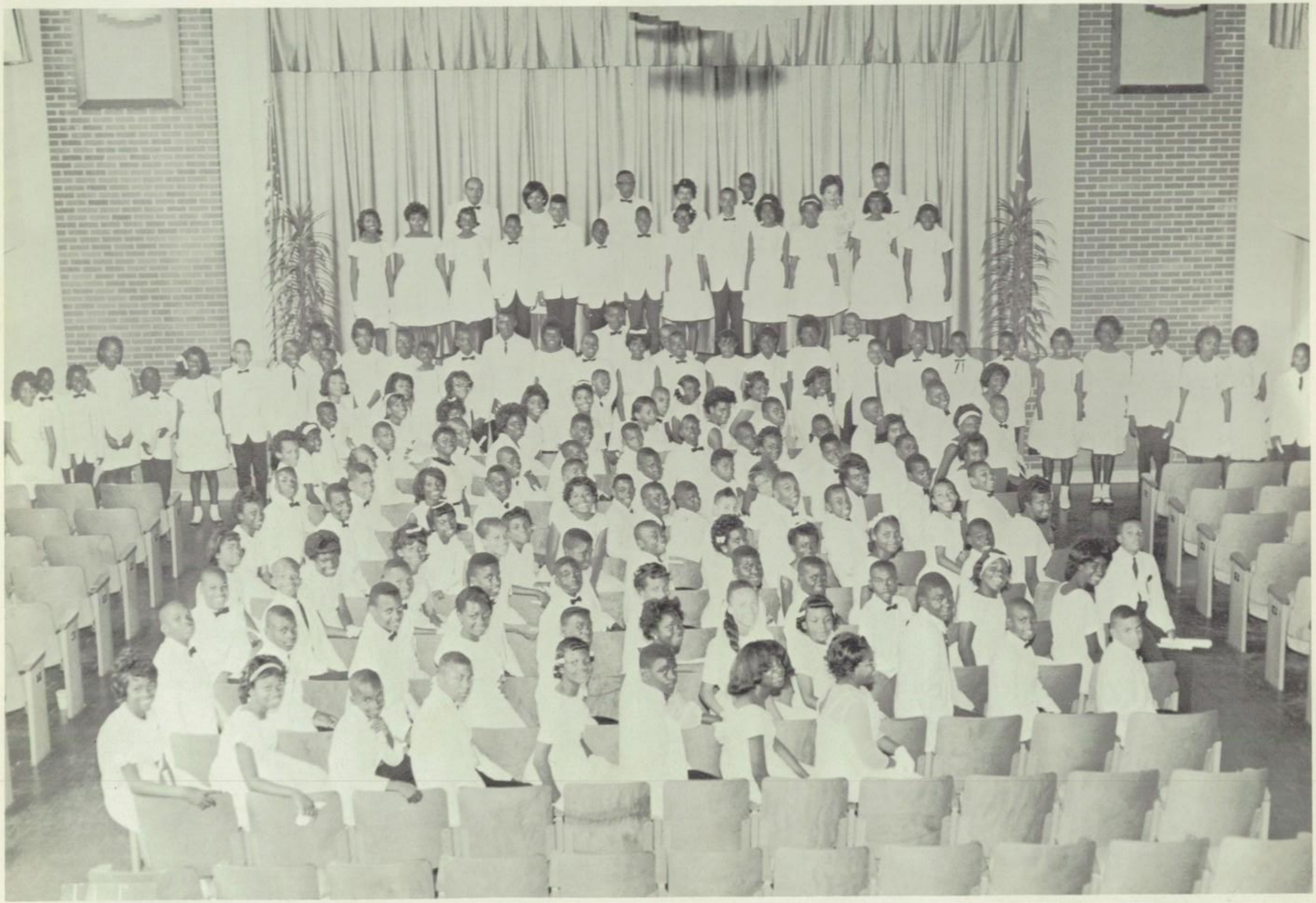
"Sweet, talkative and
tempermental"

This Is Not the End,
But the Beginning

Debra Brooks

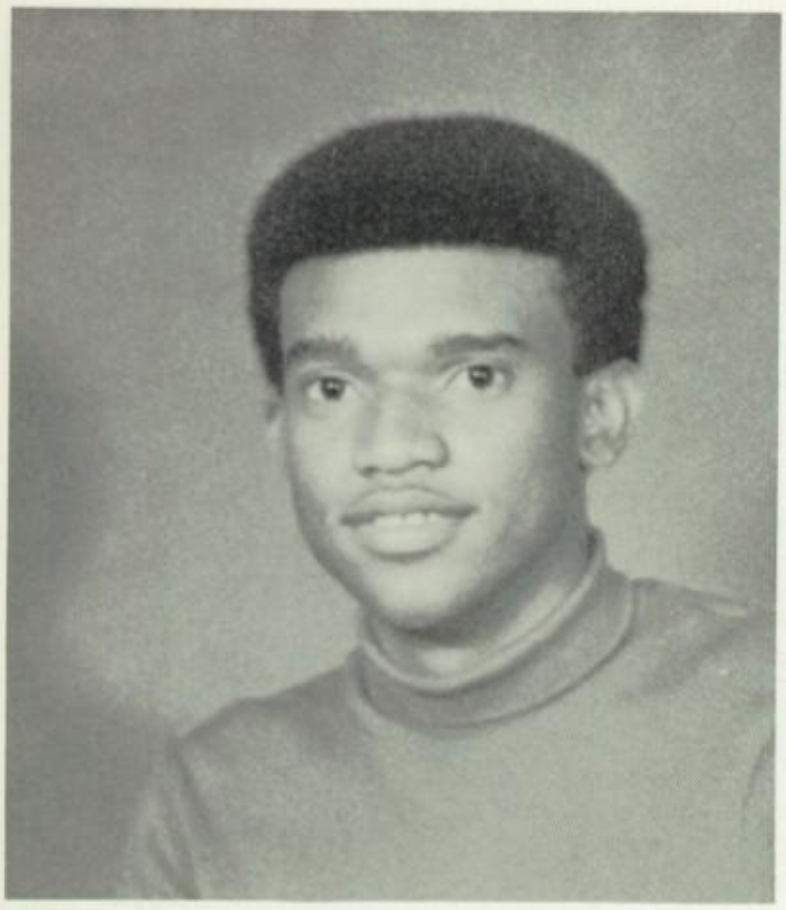
"Attractive and popular"

Class of '71



Class of '71 . . . In Grade Six!

Roosevelt Thompson Studies Abroad



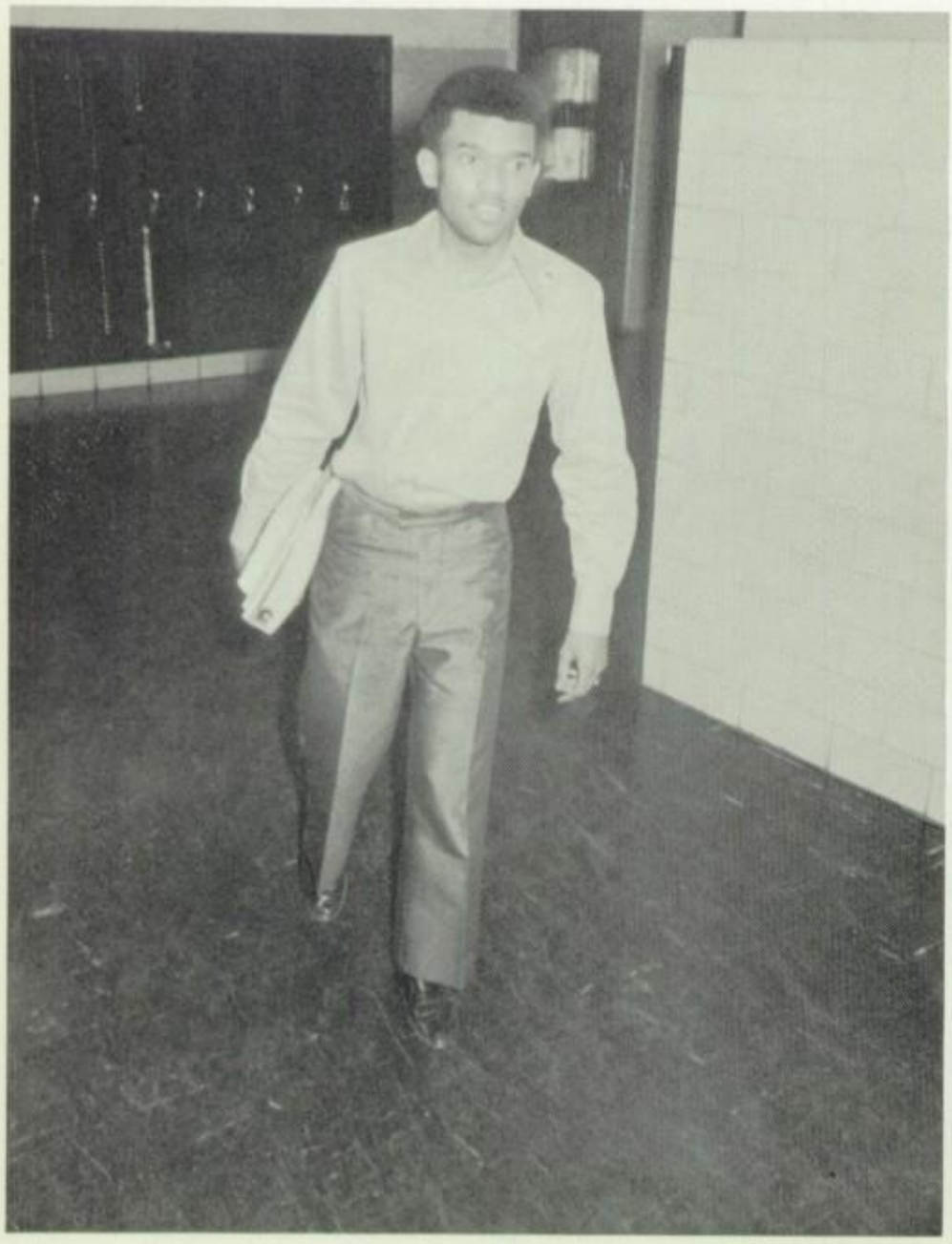
ROOSEVELT THOMPSON (2nd Place Winner 1971 Leo Potishman Scholarship Vocal Solo Contest.)

"Sing your way to Europe." Yes it is possible and that is just what Roosevelt Thompson has done. Last summer Roosevelt won over 82 other applicants, a scholarship from the American Institute for Foreign Studies, in connection with the Fort Worth Public Schools' summer abroad programs. For four exciting weeks Roosevelt studied at the Royal Academy of Music in London. Then he went on tours of Salzburg, Paris and Rome, seeing operas and music festivals.

Roosevelt, at the age of eleven, was the first member of his race to be accepted into the Texas Boys' Choir. Unfortunately, he had only been a member for one year when his voice changed. This kept him from the European tour at that time, so this was a trip of which he had long dreamed of making.

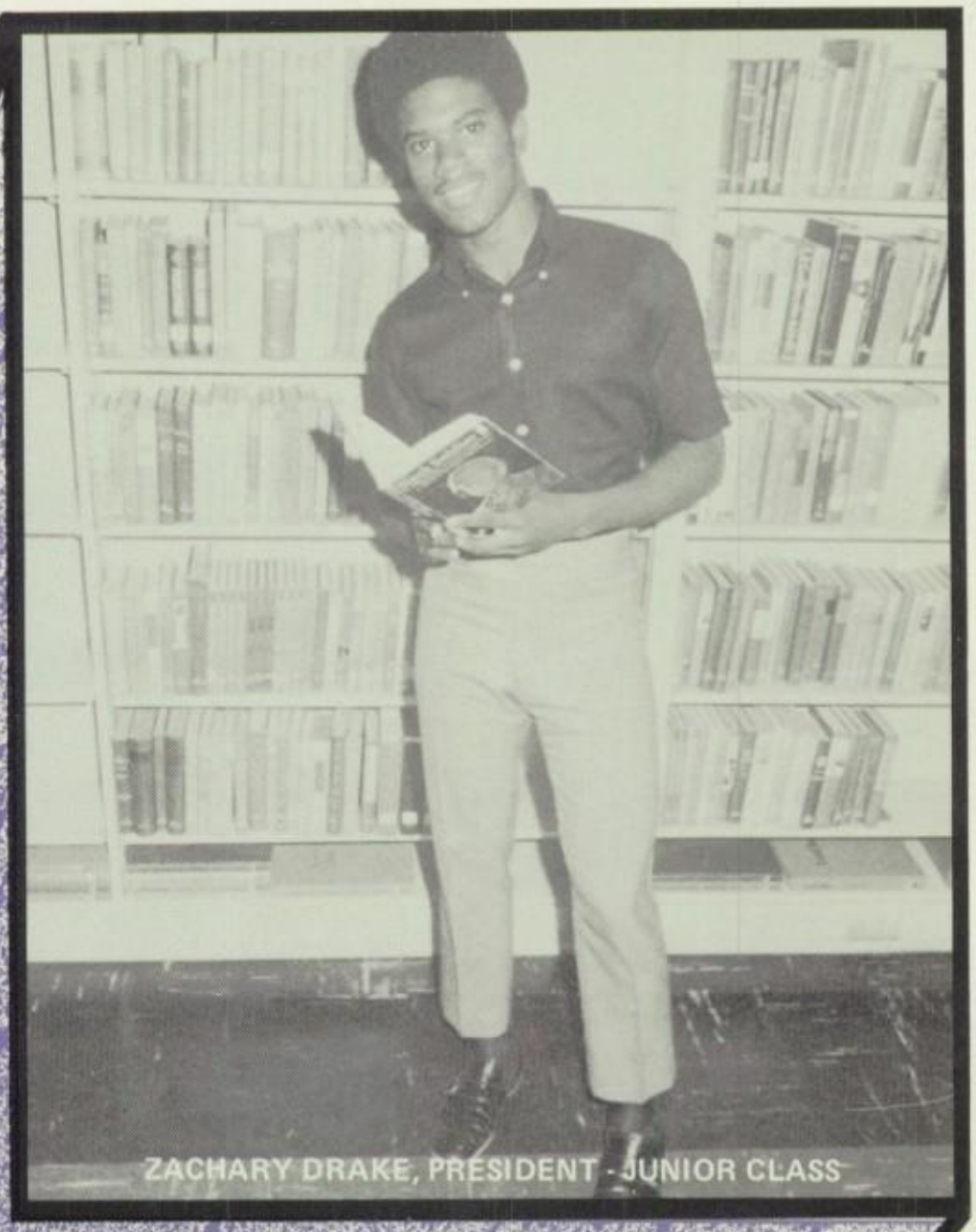
Roosevelt is a soloist in the Como High School Chorus and also his church choir. It was his choral teacher, Mrs. Jewel F. Kelly, who suggested that he apply for the scholarship. Prior to her suggestions, Roosevelt had not even thought of applying.

When asked how he felt about the trip, our European Summer Student remarked: "Marvelous, educational, and simply wonderful! This trip made up for the one I missed."



. . . He's a scholar too!

. . . Feeding the birds at Queen Mary's Rose Garden in London, England.



ZACHARY DRAKE, PRESIDENT - JUNIOR CLASS

JUNIORS

Audrey Adkins
Rell Angton
Brenda Arvie
Marilyn Beasley
Elvin Bennett

Shelia Bridges
Eddie Brigham
Edna Brigham
Belinda Brooks
Glenda Brown

Ila Mae Brown
Clarice Bryant
James Burton
Phyllis Campbell
Wayne Cash

Edna Chatmon
Elbert Collins
Alfred Crane
Betty Crosby
Linda Dawson

Juniors

Zachary Drake
John English
Andrew Flemmings
Michael Golightly
Hester Green

James Green
Joe Harris
Larry Hawkins
Watkin Hawthorne
Harrell Haynes

Mattie Herron
Franklin Henry
Donna Hickman
Forest Horton
Doris Houston

Delores Howard
Chris Hubbard
Harriet Hubbard
Linda Ivory
Glenda Johnson

Irma Johnson
Ivory Johnson
Mervil Johnson
Cassandra Jones
Cara Jones

Danny Jones
Sylvia Jones
Travis Kelley
Annie Kemp
Lavern Kirby

Gloria Lane
Patricia Lenear
Karen Leonard
Wyvonne Levingston
Alvin Lightner

Juniors

Ernest Lockhart
Patrick McBeth
Mattie McClure
Troy McDonald
Bennie McElroy

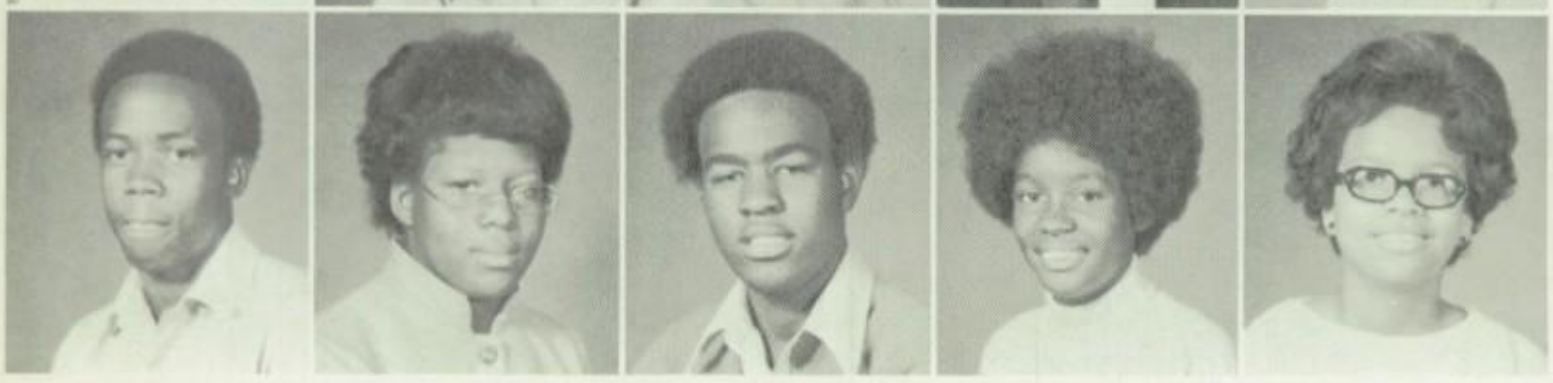
Jimmie McKnight
Shirley Meachem
Madeline Moore
Daniel Morris
Donald Morris

Anita Otto
Fred Pierce
Albert Person
Roger Pierce
Clifford Punch

Vickie Reece
Olean Robinson
Milton Robinson
Burdette Russell
Rosa Russell

Willie Samson
John Scott
William Server
Cornelia Sheppard
Mattie Simmons

Abner Slater
George Slater
Linda Smith
Micheal Smith
Beverly Sneed



Sammie Sparks
Verlena Spruiell
Leonard Stansberry
Linda Stansberry
Linda Thomas

Juniors

Leonard Thompson
Billie Tucker
Estrus Tucker
Henry Walker
Rickie Walker

Gloria Walton
Rhonda Walton
Art Williams
Benjamin Wilson
Glenda Wilson

Lewis Wilson
Perry Wilson
Virginia Wilson
Lonnie Witt
Donald Woods

Juniors

Edgar Randle
Robert Woods
William Wyrick
Delores York
Beverlyn Young

Brendell Hall

. . . On the scene!

Juniors

. . . On campus!

Doing Their Own "Thing"

. . . In the hall!

. . . At the parade!

Here, There, and Everywhere

"Student Style Birthday Party" for Teacher D. Bowden.

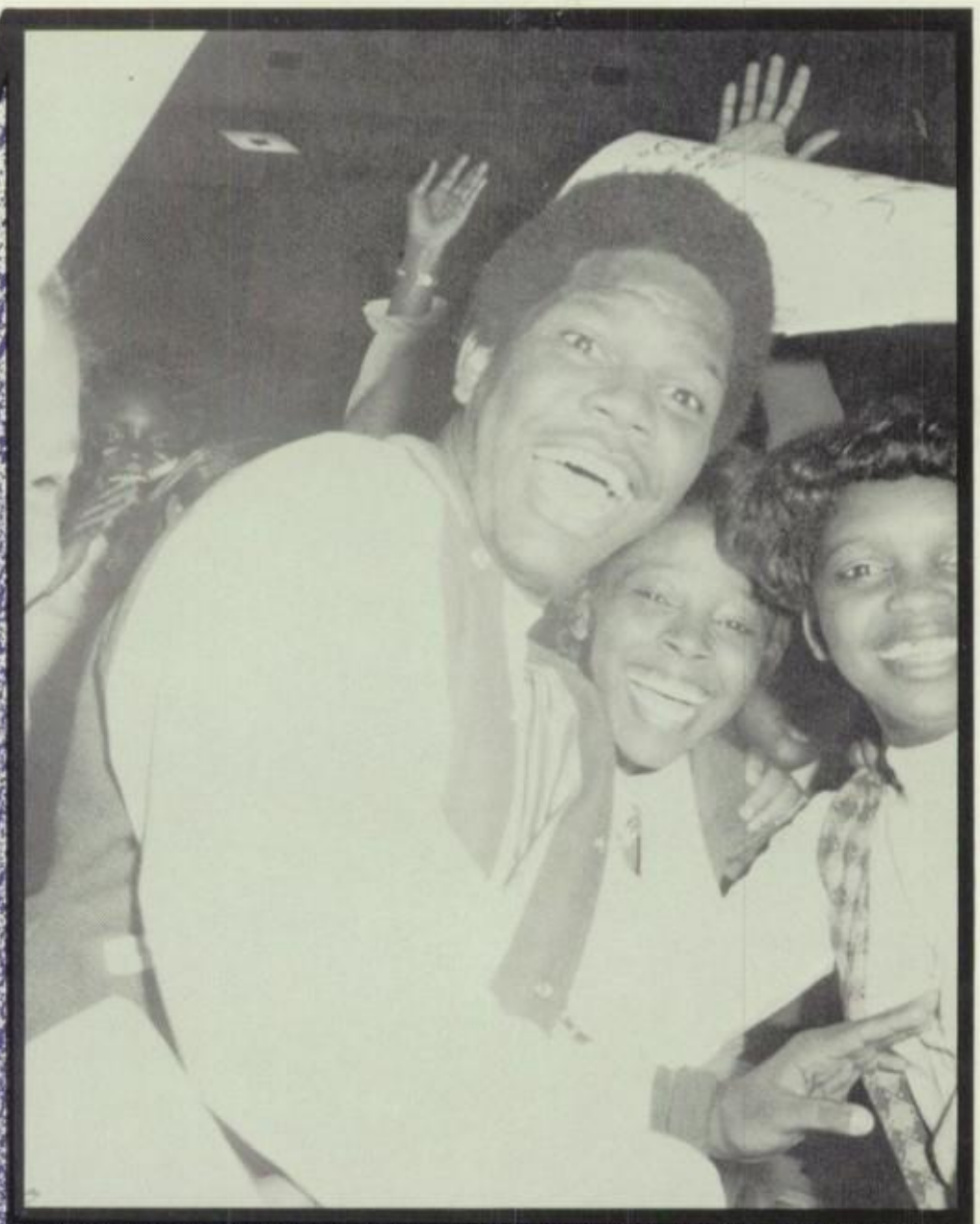
"Striking a pretty pose in Austin at the Basketball State Meet."

Noontime----Seventh Grade Style----Play, play, and more play.

Oh Happy Day, we are seniors at last.

Clowning with the Clowns.

Check us out.



SOPHOMORES

Sophomores

Margaret Adams
Barbara Allen
Emmerson Anderson
Glenda Anderson
Willard Anderson

Donald Bailey
Connie Bell
Gretchen Bell
Judy Brewer
Floyd Brooks

Calvena Brown
Elwanda Brown
Shonda Campbell
Michael Carter
James Cherry

Michael Clardy
Gwendolyn Clayton
Annette Cooper
Shirley Crosby
Dwayne Cummings

Jimmy Davis
Vickie Davis
Lawrence Drake
Deborah Duffey
Willie Foley

Holton Fowler
James Franklin
Mable Freeman
Alvin Garnett
Jimmy Glenn

Rosalyn Glover
Lester Green
Jeffery Hale
Leslie Hall
Emma Harris

Sharon Harris
Colleen Hatcher
Willie Haynes
Phyllis Haywood
Versie Henderson

Maurice Hicks
Lawrence Hill
Sharon Hill
Avon Hines
Evon Hines

Sophomores

Jannitt Holmes
Brenda Houston
Sarah Howard
Wayne Hubbard
Albert Hudson

Margaret Hudson
Janice Hunt
Joyce Ingram
Miller Ingram
Paula Ingram

Patricia Jackson
Wanda Jackson
Billy Jacobs
Gaylor Jenkins
Lee Arthur Jenkins

Ruthie Jenkins
Cynthia Johnson
Gwendolyn Johnson
Jean Johnson
Michael Johnson

Kenneth Jones
Lehman Jones
Sandra Jones
Sharon Jones
Vincent Jones

Dorothy Keaton
James Kennedy
David King
Ricky Kirby
Vernon Ladd

Linda Lane
Yolanda Lang
Sharon Latson
Shelia Lee
Willie Lee

Ronald Lusk
Beverly Mack
Sylvester Mayberry
Oscar McDonald
Keith McElroy

William Miller
Henry Means
Diane Meachem
Estella McKnight
Mary McGee

Sophomores

Gail Meeks
Wilfred Meeks
Barbara Montgomery
Vanessa Mooney
David Moore

Larry Moore
Lawrence Neal
Eddy Newman
Betty Nichols
Glenn Nolly

Juanita Otto
Allisha Overton
Glenda Peterson
Joe Prescott
Leslie Price

Shelia Procella
Robert Randle
Reginald Reynolds
Gary Richard
Joann Richardson

Linda Russell
Wanda Shearin
Wanda Shields
Ellawese Smith
Ester Smith

Ozelius Sneed
Elizabeth Sparks
Michael Spencer
Melvin Spillman
Major Swanson

Tommy Swanson
Willie Tanner
Robert Taylor
Judy Thompson
Willie Thomas

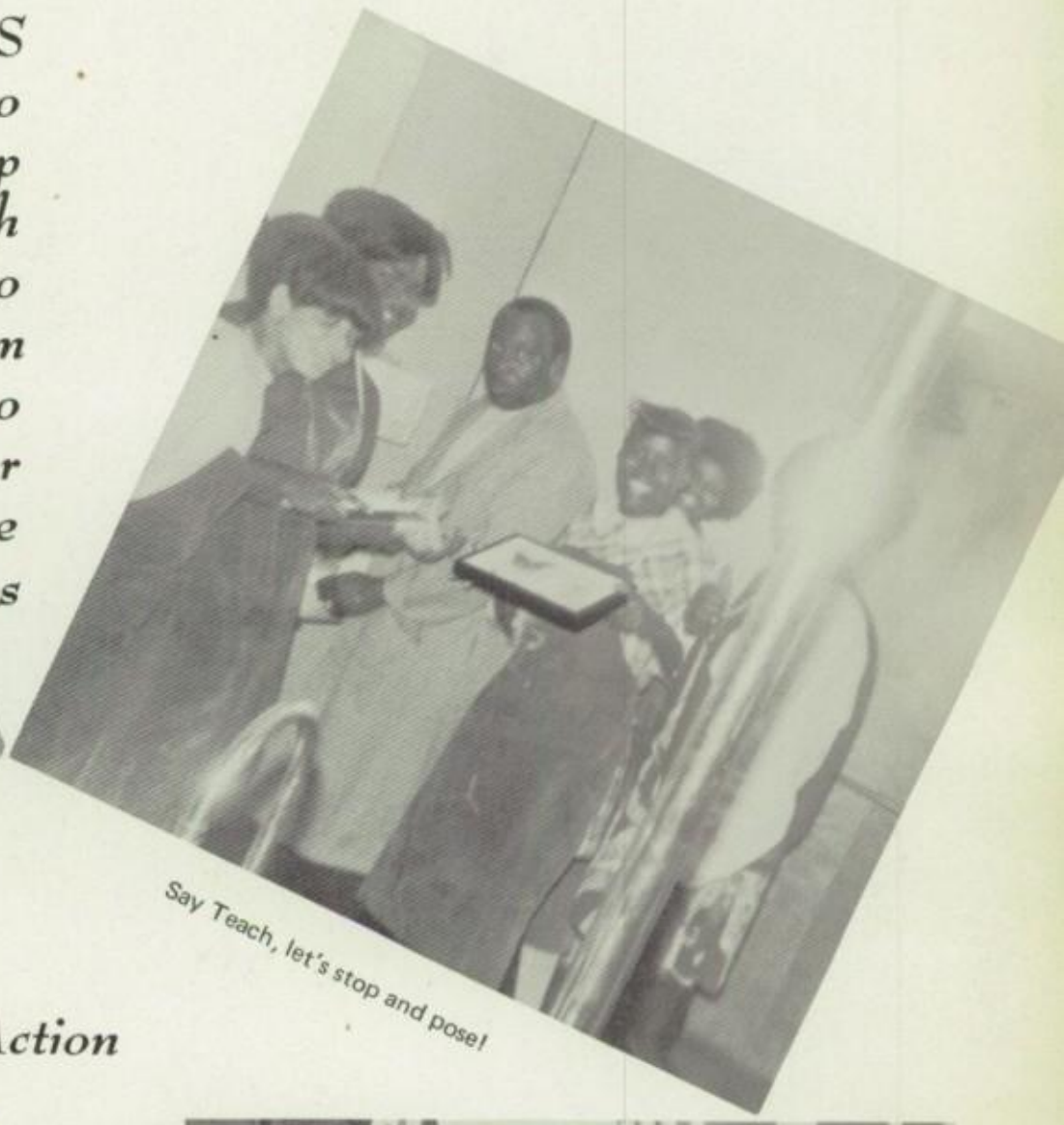
Zenobia Truevillian
Dorothy Valentine
Cynthia Walker
Cynthia Ward
Mattie Washington

Sheila Washington
Sandra Waterhouse
Carl Webb
Brenda Wheaton
Lue Wilburn

Linda Wilson
Sonny Wilson
Alfred Wright
Patricia Wyrick
Alberta Young

Sophomores

I feel so intellectual surrounded by books!



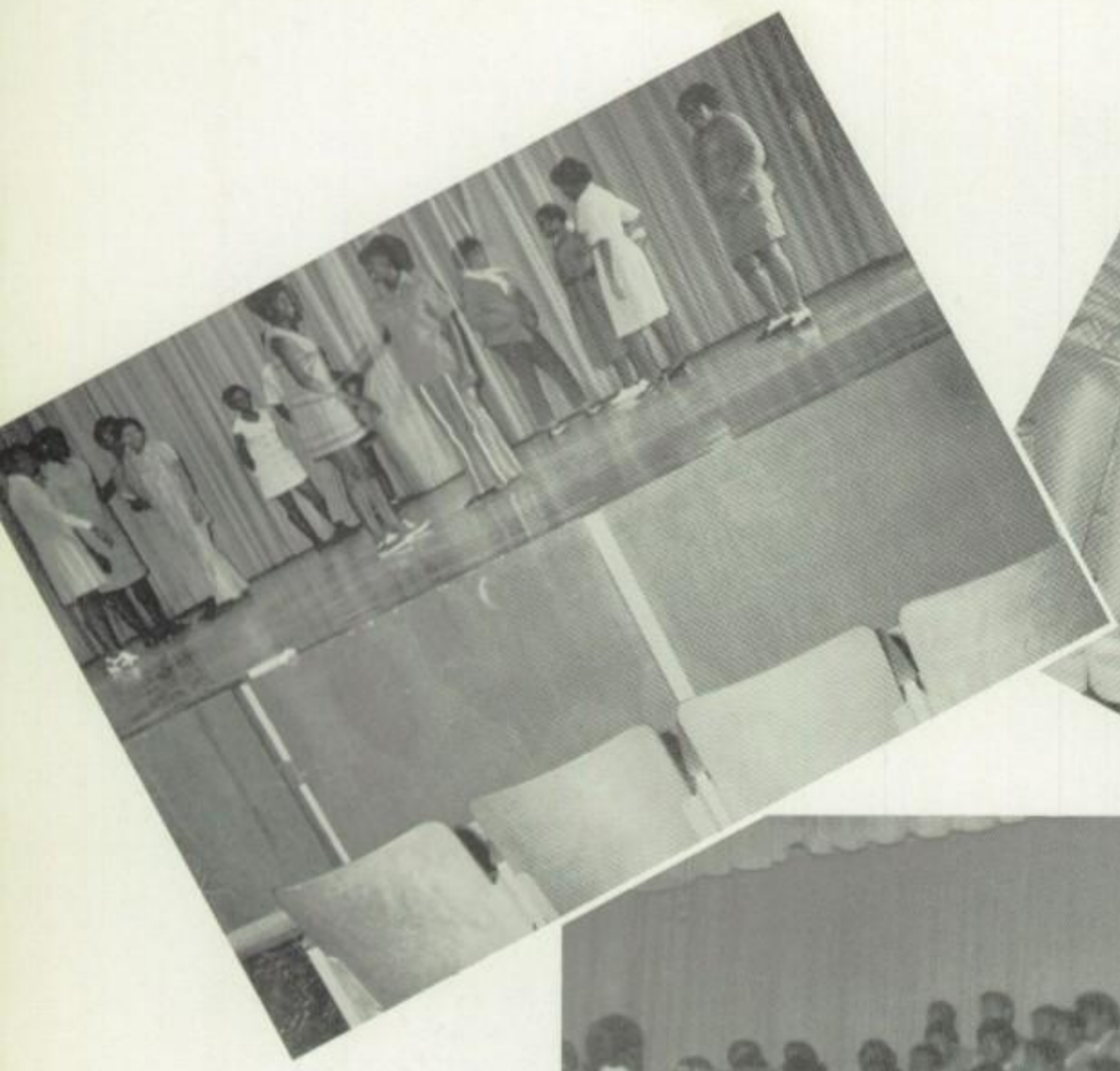
Say Teach, let's stop and pose!

In Action

Hey, don't blow up the lab!

Yeah, we're still in formal attire two days after the Jack and Jill Beautillion!

Campus Scenes



FRESHMEN

Freshmen

Debra Adkins
Linda Alexander
Billy Allen
Amos Audrey
Sheila Anderson

Walter Anderson
Annie Austin
Walter Baker
Glen Birdow
Twani Bonner

Otha Bridges
Freddie Brigham
J. W. Briscoe
Ronita Burrell
J. D. Carwell

Laurise Carroll
Donetta Cash
Ludie Cash
Delma Castleman
Hortense Chatmon

Damon Clardy
Hurley Cooks
Doris Crosby
Kenneth Darden
Sharon Davis

Oliver Denton
Marie Dickerson
Linda Duffey
Easter Durham
Jimmie Easter

Ruby English
Claudia Franklin
Lowell Franklin
Billy Ferrell
Debra Foremore

Donald Garnett
Patricia Gipson
Mary Grant
Gary Gray
Frederick Green

James Green
Barbara Hall
Delbert Hall
Alma Harris
Cynthia Harrison

Freshmen

Wilma Hart
Donald Hawthorne
Renee Henderson
Gary Hickman
Janice Hickman

Iris Hill
Shirley Hill
Martha Hines
Beverly Howard
Nemroy Howard

Dianna Hubbard
Carolyn Ingram
Karen Jackson
Sheila Jackson
Nathaniel Jackson

Adolphus Jacobs
Dianna Johnson
Earnest Johnson
Emmett Johnson
Janice Johnson

Karen Johnson
Nila Johnson
Ollie Johnson
Vallerie Johnson
Darnell Jones

Harold Jones
Dennis Lacey
Sherman Lane
Artis Lang
Charles Leonard

Sharon Lewis
Anniece McWhorter
Wanda McKiney
Ozell Martin
Lawrence Matkins

Stafford Mayberry
Stephanie Means
Dennis Mitchell
Reginald Mitcherson
Kenneth Morris

Felecia Mosley
Lori Nelson
Vernon Nelson
Lester Oliver
Curtis Pennix

Freshmen

Marilyn Pierce
Kenneth Price
Wilber Rice
Gregory Roberts
Rosa Robinson

Herbert Russell
Lorine Russell
Margie Russell
Melvin Russell
Patricia Server

Estella Shearin
Constance Smith
Sanford Smith
Lacy Spencer
Loretta Spencer

Sandra Spencer
Willie Spencer
Sharon Speed
Joy Stansberry
Joyce Stansberry

Deborah Sturges
Herbert Styles
Pamela Taylor
Gene Tippens
Barbara Thomas

Ernest Thomas
Ronald Thomas
Jocelyn Thompson
John Thompson
Robert Thompson

Jacquelin Turner
Hubert Urdy
David Valentine
Micheal Walker
Algie Walker

Steven Walton
Emma Ware
Audrelyn Warren
Robney Warren
Gary Washington

Ormathell Washington
Fannetta Webb
David Wheaton
Linda Whitfield
Patty Wigfall

Ray Williams
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Leroy Wilson
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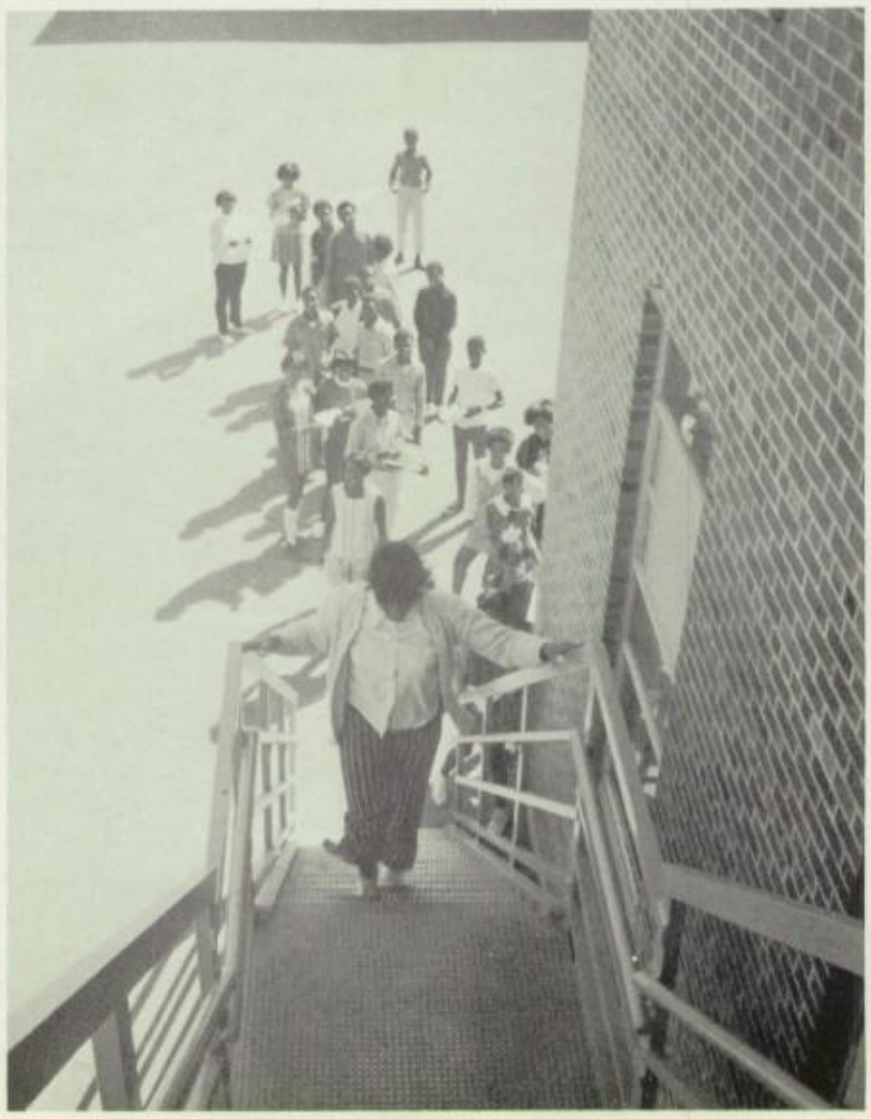
Michelle Wilson
Chris Woolen
Patricia Winn
Danna Woods
Ruthie Woods

Hattie Wyrick



Freshmen
Doing Their Own
"Thing"

Campus Scenes

The Debate Club hard at work in the library just before the District Meet.

Guess who's the helpful student in Mrs. D. Scott's class. To tell the truth the photographer goofed.

Counselor to President of Student Council . . . "I AM WILLING AND ABLE TO ASSIST YOU."

Editor to fellow worker, "You're doing a fine job. Here's a pat on the back."

"Oh my poor aching back." (Or are you trying to do push ups on the sly, Mrs. Abram?)

Sweet, sweet Mrs. Roberson and so beloved by Homeroom 220.

"Oh no, not you two, again."

EIGHTH GRADERS

Eighth Grade

Cleo Austin
Gail Atkins
Helen Anderson
Diana Anderson
Edward Amie

Larry Adams
Debra Babers
Roy Lee Bailey
Rosaland Beasley
Linda Bennett

Anthony Benson
Charles Byrd
Janet Benson
Sharon Birdow
Jocquelyn Blanton

Nailray Bledsoe
Cynthia Board
Sylvia Board
Mary Bogan
Abigail Bonner

Larry Bonner
Marilyn Brewer
Cassandra Bridgewater
Paul Brooks
Clarence Bryant

Velma Brown
Michael Burleson
Peggy Burleson
Linda Burrell
Lillie Bryant

Lena Calvin
Gregston Campbell
Mattie Carwell
Regina Cherry
Larry Clark

Print Clark
Ellis Collins
Reginald Crosby
Merkley Drake
Linda Drayden

Teri Farmer
Byron Ferrell
Ricky Fowler
Kenneth Francis
Nathaniel Freeman

Eighth Grade

Terry Gambrell
Orlanda Glover
Larry Golightly
Kim Gray
Gwendolyn Hall

Robert Harper
Gloria Harris
Henry Harvey
James Henderson
Robert Henderson

Ronald Hicks
Roland Hicks
Sharon Hines
Janice Holleman
Ruby Holmes

Brenda Houston
Billy Hughes
Brenda Hughes
Jake Ingram
Ronnie Ingram

Sonja Ingram
Earl Jackson
Phyllis Jenkins
Bruce Johnson
Homer Johnson

James Johnson
Joanna Johnson
Micheal Johnson
Thomas Johnson
Barbara Jones

Charline Jones
Judy Kemp
Bobby Kennedy
Kenneth Kennedy
Latherro Kennedy

Edward King
Earl King
Terry Kirby
Pamela Ladd
Winston Leonard

Patricia Lewis
Eva Little
Waynetta Livingston
Debra Malone
Merrell Malone

Eighth Grade

Jesse Manning
Sandra Manning
Pamela Martin
Robert Martin
Lois Mason

Sharon Mayberry
Alma Meachem
Regina Meeks
Bert McElroy
Norman McGinnis

Cheryl Miller
Doris Miller
Mary Mitchell
Delores Moody
Alva Mooney

Eugene Murphy
Debra Nathan
Kendall Newhouse
Otis Nicholas
Debra Nolley

Randy Nolly
Maudesa Oges
Alona Oglesby
Robert Oglesby, Jr.
Bobby Parker

George Parker
Glenwood Peterson
James Pierce
Willie B. Price
Kenneth Reliford

Sylvia Randle
Sophia Rice
Samuel Richardson
Durina Ringer
Ronnie Roberts

Bernice Russell
Raymond Russell
Andy Samson
David Shelton
Marvin Slater

Crystal Smith
Germaine Smith
Sharon Smith
Sidney Smith
Charles Speed

Gregory Spencer
Arthur Sparks
Brenda Stephenson
Peggy Sturges
Douglas Thomas

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Harold Thomas
Jacquelin Thomas
Louis Thompson
Cardale Tippens

Donald Wade
Emerson Wade
Arlene Walker
Danny Walker
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Denise Washington
Herman West
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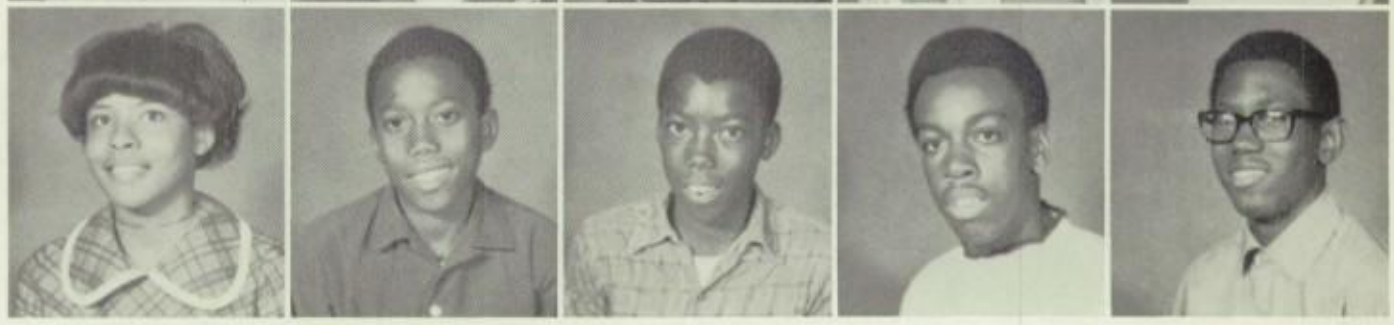
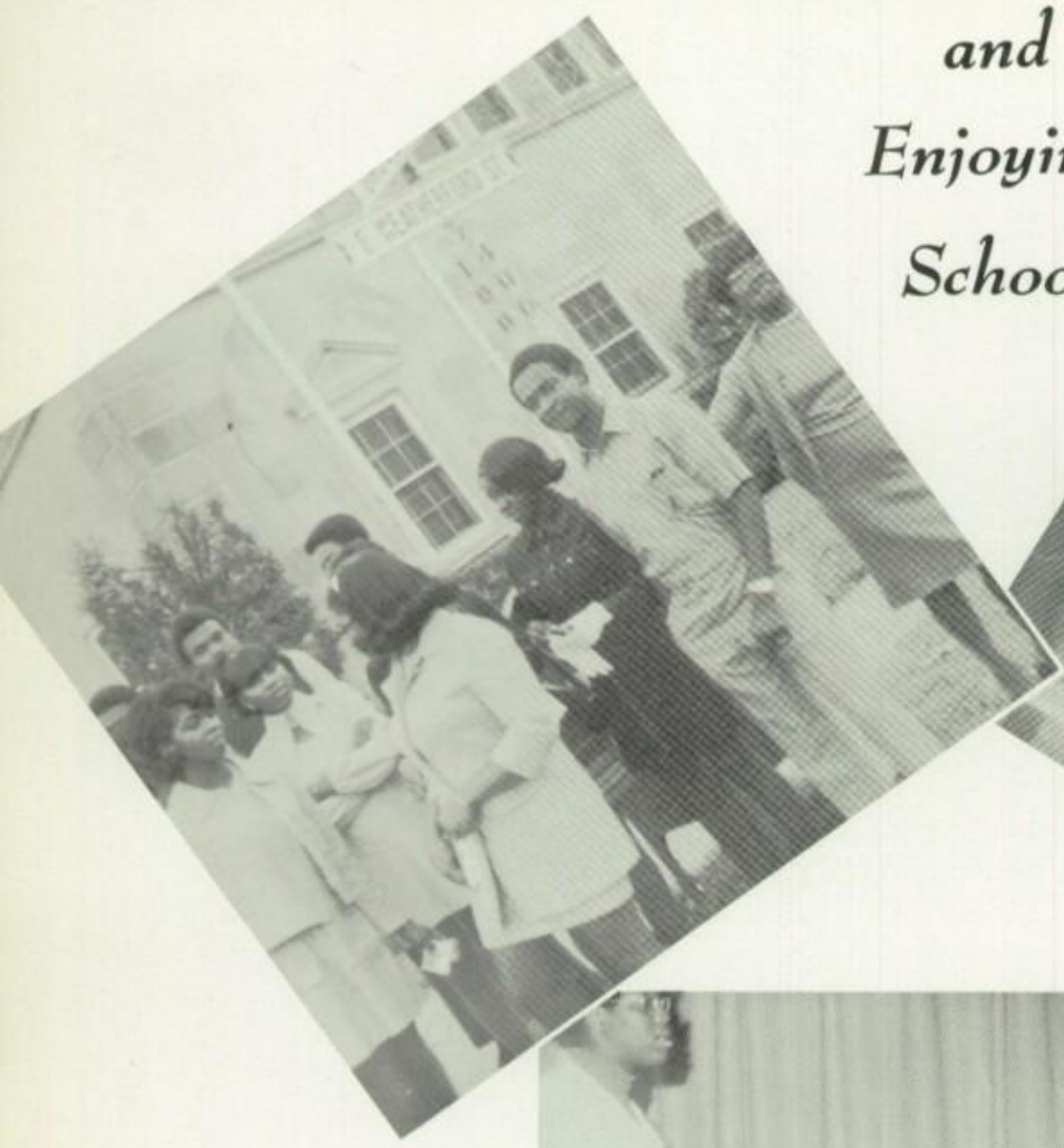
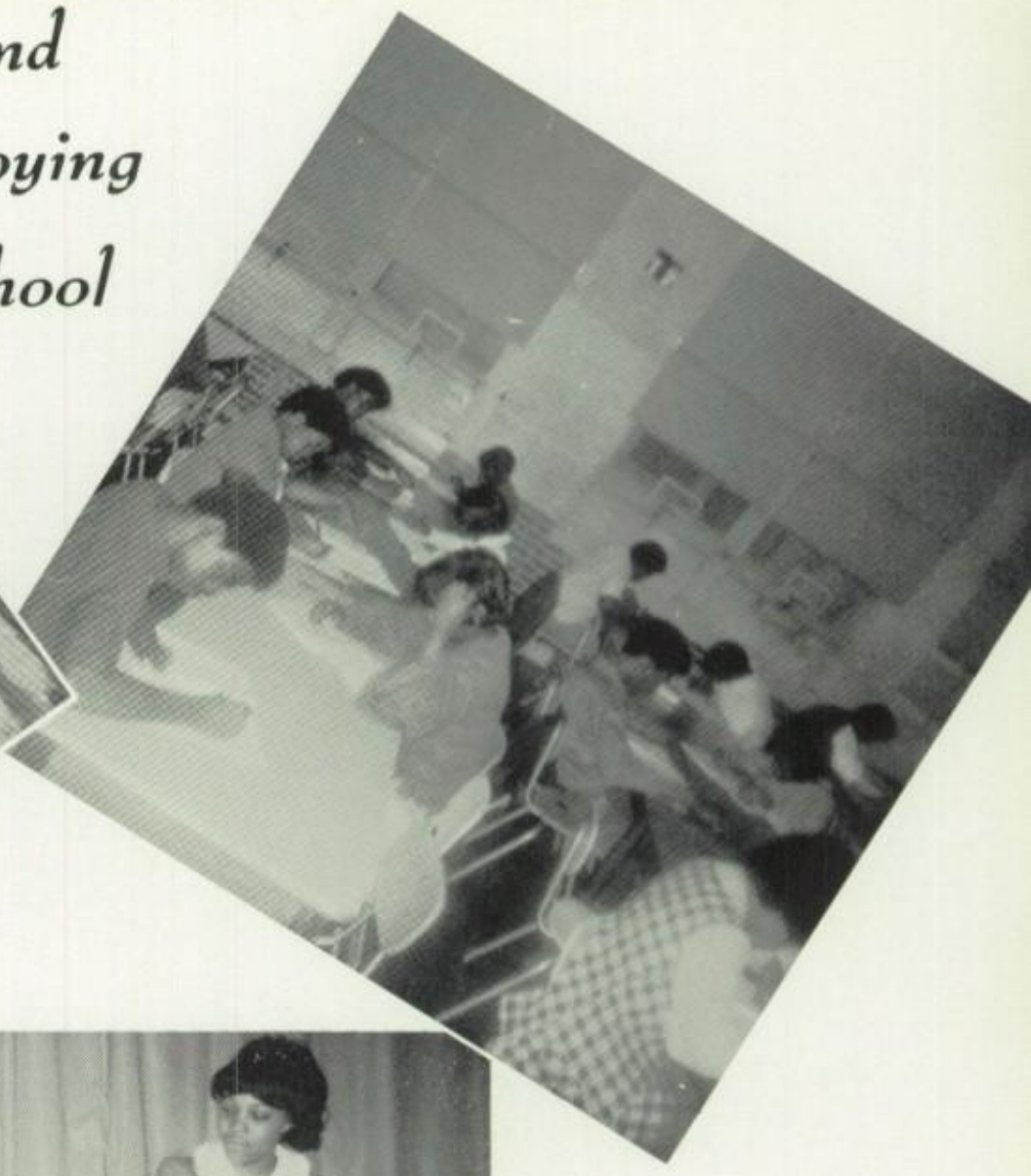
Catherine Williams
Rosalind Williams

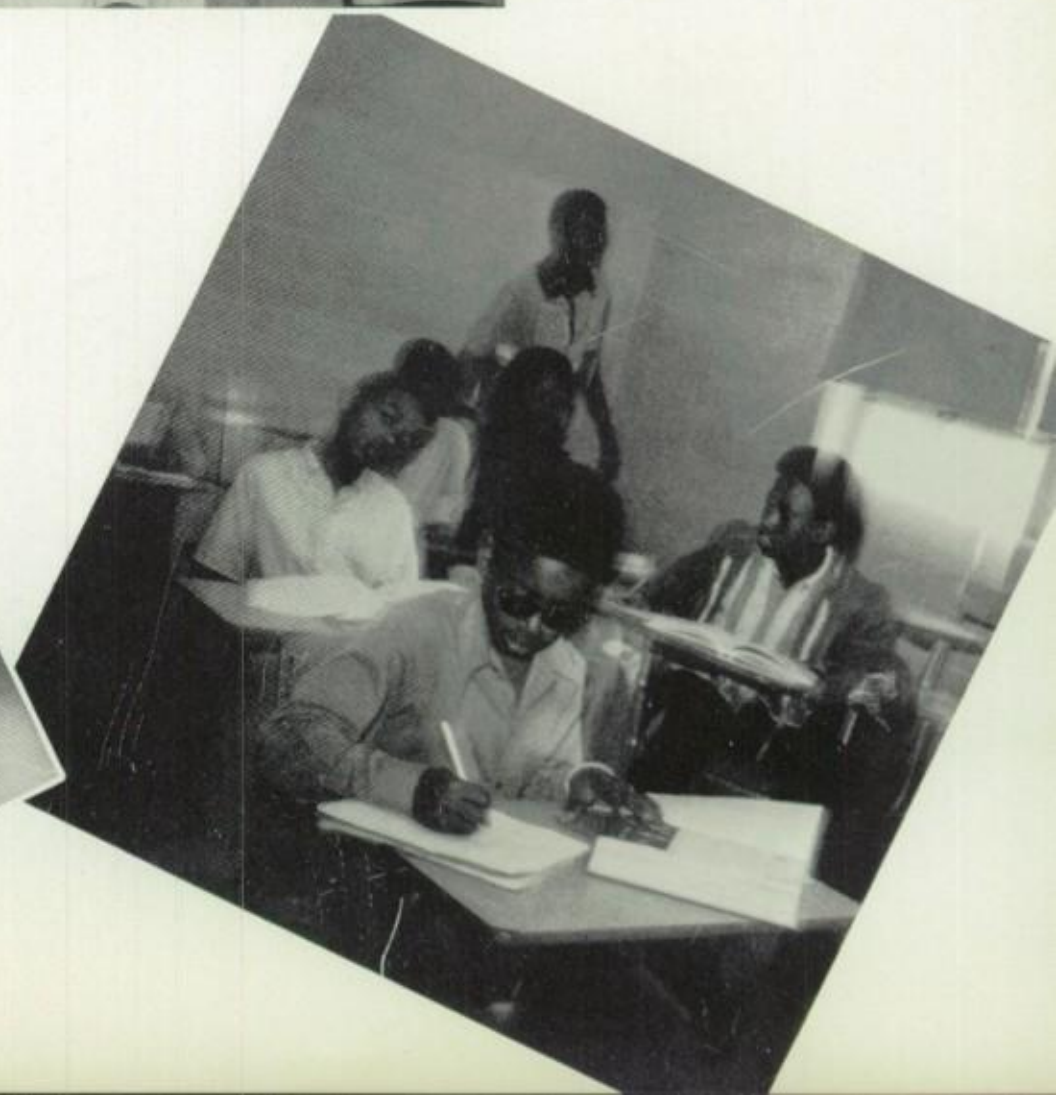
Yvetta Williams
Kelly Wilson
Rufus Wilson
Clarence Withfield
Copeland Wright



Talking, Testing, Dramatizing, Studying and Enjoying School







COMO MEMBERS OF ALL-CITY
MIDDLE SCHOOL ORCHESTRA

Vicki Cornish, Joyce Gill, Jacquetta Johnson,
Carrie Young and Veronica Meeks.

SEVENTH
GRADERS

Seventh Grade

Anthony Adams
Johnette Adams
Shirley Adams
Kenneth Alexander
Wesley Allen

Vernon Amie
Sylvia Amos
Bruce Anderson
Carol Anderson
Huelene Anderson

Linda Alexander
Reginald Armstrong
Shelia Arterberry
Pamela Atchinson
Constance Baker

Anthony Bell
Kathy Bennett
Eartha Birdow
Shelia Blanton
Claudia Board

Gray Booker
Shirley Braden
Kimberly Breed
Lois Burton
Veronica Butler

James Carroll
Jerry Carwell
Daonn Clardy
David Clark
Enda Cole

Sharon Conley
Viki Cornish
Robert Dary
Cherie Davis
Danny Davis

Debra Davis
Thomas Davis
Clinton Dawson
Leigh Drake
Patti Drennon

Beverly Duffey
Bobby Easter
Quennion Echols
Pamela Evans
Joretta Frances

Seventh Grade

Gerry Franklin
James Fowler
Charles Furlow
Bobby Gambrell
Homer Gardner

Debra Gilbert
Joyce Gill
Estherlen Gipson
Jan Green
Odessa Green

Carolyn Hale
Herman Hall
Darlene Harris
Timothy Harris
Jerry Hawthorne

Sandra Harvey
Audrey Haynes
Lutrella Henderson
Terry Hicks
Debra Hill

Diane Hines
Sheila Holland
Clovis Holleman
Malcolm Houston
Rosalind Houston

Sylvia Hubbard
Keith Hunt
Kevin Hunt
Kevin Ingram
Sheila Jackson

Hazel Jacobs
Henry Jenkin
Alex Jenkins
Grant Jenkins
Doretha Johnson

Jacquetta Johnson
Bruce Justice
Cynthia Keaton
James Kemp
Rita Kennedy

Carol Kirby
Lee Lagrone
Rickey Lane
Charles Lang
Twinkle Leonard

Seventh Grade

Wendy Mack
Eric Mack
Keith Madkins
Will Marlow
Charlie Mayberry

Debra Mayberry
Edgar McBeth
Carolyn McKnight
Sharon Medford
Veronica Meeks

Lurentha Minneweather
Sherman Neal
Cheryl Nelms
Walter Nelms
Loretta Nelson

Mary Nelson
Debra Odoms
Bonnie Overton
Willie Peavy
Sherman Pierce

Jackie Richards
Gregory Roberts
John Rowe
Lula Russell
Frances Scott

Connie Shearin
Wesley Shelton
Carolyn Shorts
Diane Slater
Allen Smith

Anita Smith
Byron Smith
Leslie Smith
Toni Smith
Ellis Spencer

Frank Strider
Phyllis Strong
Billye Swanson
Anthony Talley
Margie Tanner

Cheryl Taylor
Andrew Thomas
Linda Tippens
Brenda Tucker
Ronald Turner

Seventh Grade

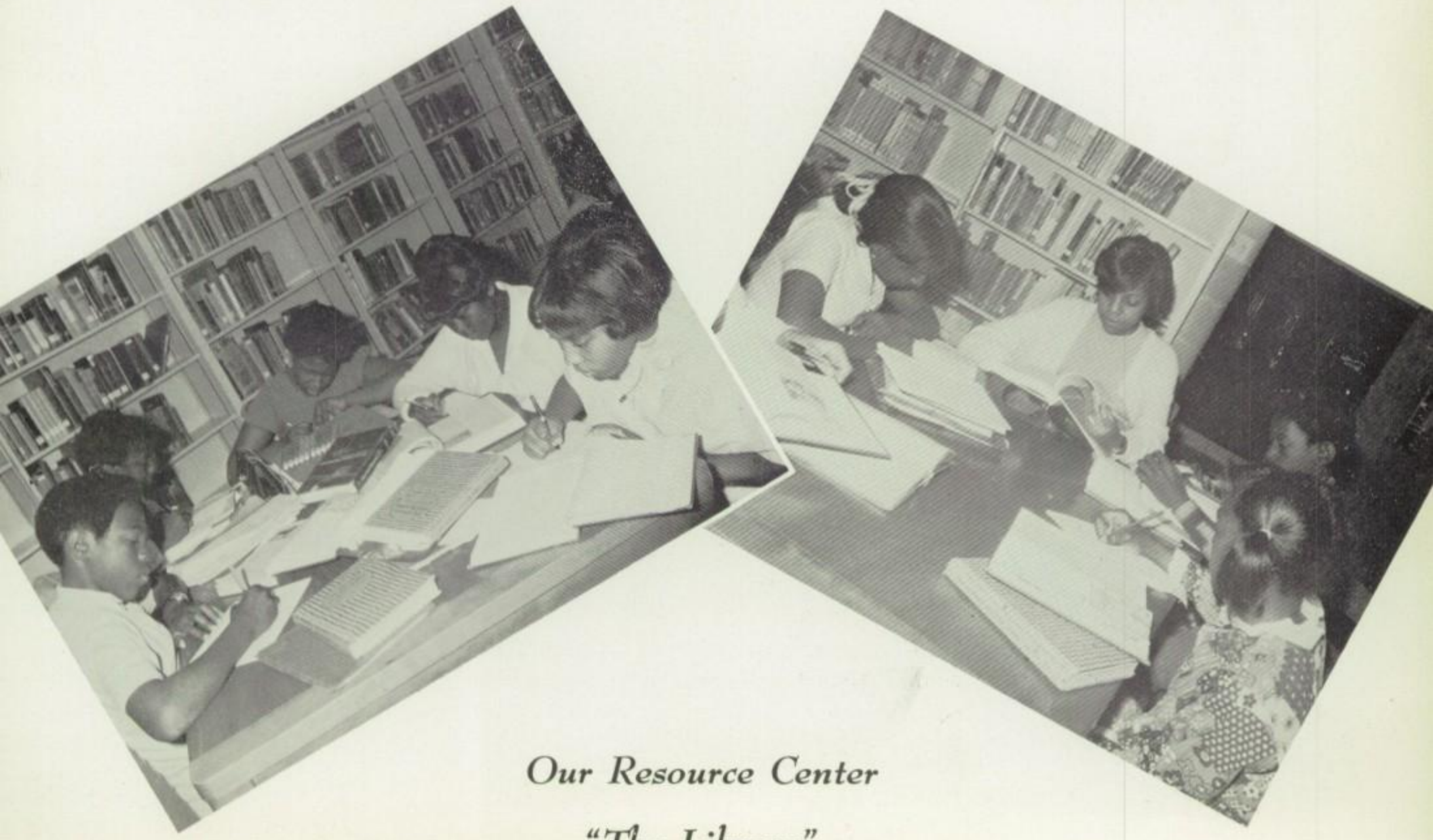
Cynthia Tyler
Anita Vaughn
Mary Wade
Patricia Walker
Denise Warren

Kenneth Warren
George Webb
Kathelyn Webb
Barrick Williams
Brenda Williams

Carolyn Williams
Carver Williams
Cylester Williams
Marion Williams
Paul Williams

Exer Wilson
Pamela Winn
Vickie Yarbrough
Carrie Young

Seventh Graders Hard at Work



Our Resource Center

"The Library"

ACTIVITIES

Scene from "Sleeping Beauty of Loreland", LEFT TO RIGHT: Roosevelt Thompson, The King; Cornelia Sheppard, Sleeping Beauty; and Billye Sue Roblow, The Queen.

The 1970-71 Dramatics Club has presented two plays-"The Happy Ending" and "Sleeping Beauty of Loreland" which were smashing successes. The Club's project for the University of Interscholastic League, this year is "Medea". President, Sylvia Mathis; Sponsor, Rudolph Eastman.

Rank No. 1

Varsity Chorus

THE COMO HIGH SCHOOL CHORUS, under the direction of Mrs. Jewell Blanton Kelly, is well-known throughout the city of Fort Worth. Representative music from all periods and styles is in the regular repertoire. Mrs. Kelly, a North Texas State University graduate has directed the music program of Como Junior-Senior High School for ten years.

The COMO HIGH SCHOOL CHORUS performs numerous times each year in the community and in the city. Special recognition was received for its outstanding performance during the 1968-69 school year.

MR. AND MISS MUSIC

Roosevelt Thompson and Berma Jones

MR. COMO: Gerald Lee Harper MISS COMO: Arzetta Williams

coming Royalty

Left to Right: ALUMNI QUEEN, Mrs. Jane Marshall Caroll, '61; MR. ALUMNUS, Henry Johnson, '60; COMING HOME QUEEN, Miss Mae Lois Hughes, '65.

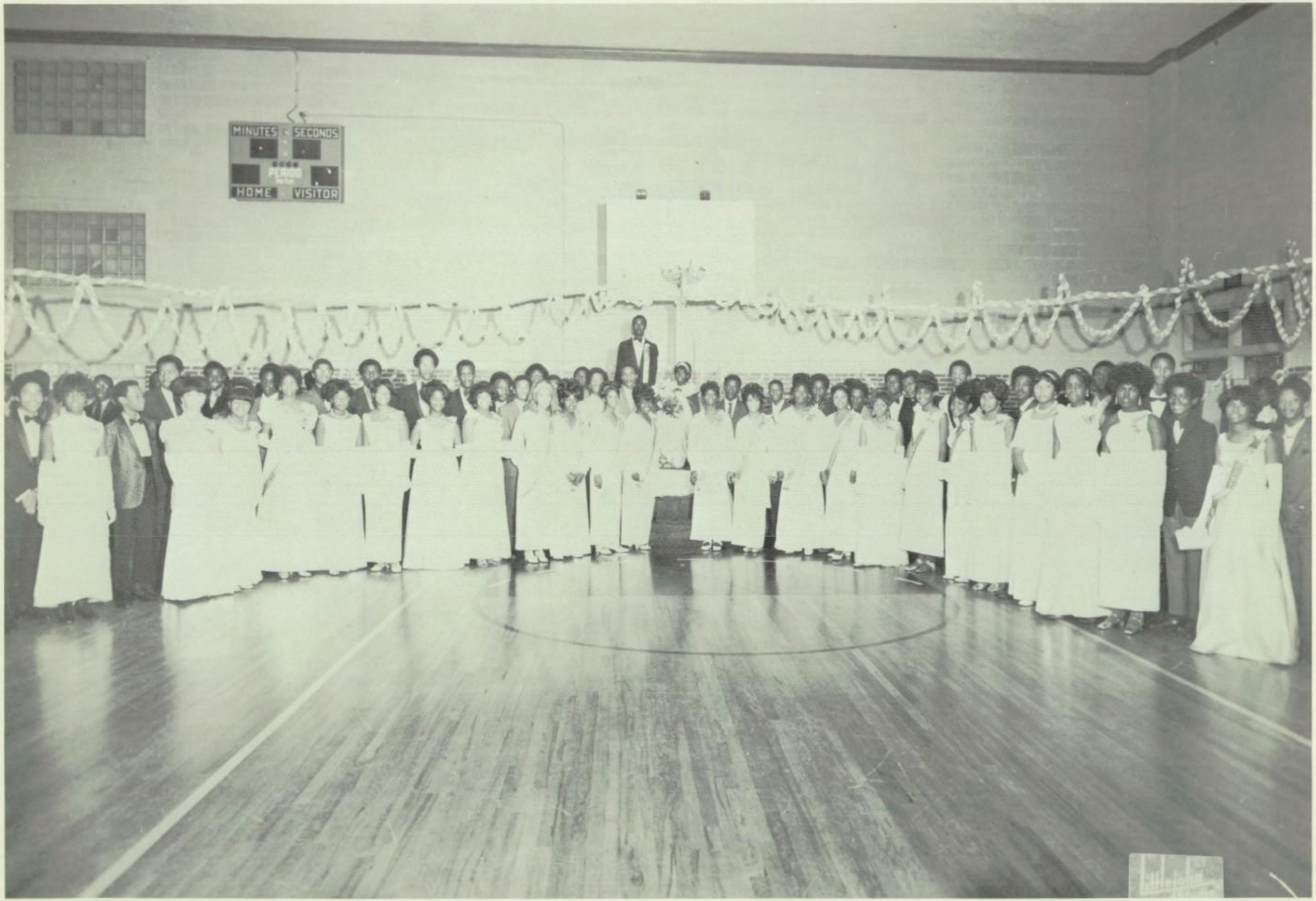
Miss Varsity "C"

Miss Gaylor Jenkins

The Coronation

MISS COMO 1969, Isabell Sheffield, a freshman at North Texas State University, relinquishes her crown to the current Miss Como, Arzetta Marie Williams.

Miss Como and Court



. . . at the Coronation Ball!

ENTERTAINERS AT CORONATION BALL
L/R: Barry Collins, Brenda Arvie and Roosevelt Thompson.

James, Sue, Marilyn and James.

Clarissa and Lawrence.

POPULAR TRIO at coronation ball pose without their dates: Freddie Brigham, J. W. Briscoe, Jr. and Jimmie Glenn.

Coronation Ball 1970

"Versia and Gerald"

"Pat"

"Olean and Eddie"

"Alberta, Melvin, Lillie and Willie"

"James, Sue, Rene and James"

. . .Another Prelude to a Finale

"Shirley"

"Linda and Andrew"

"Ruthie"

Coronation Ball

VARSITY CHEERLEADERS attractively attired for the Coronation Ball. LEFT TO RIGHT: Patricia Lacy, Ronita Burrell, Emily Miller, Marilyn Bluitt, Captain; Linda Alexander, Vanessia Williams, and Anniece McWhorter.

"Annette"

"Omathel and J. W."

"Elizabeth"

Class of '71 Hosts Prom

Prom Royalty

PROM KING
Michael Scott

PROM QUEEN
Myra Anderson

At Six Flags Inn

The Junior Academy Presents Various Senior Awards

EMMA McGEE, shoe in hand, excitedly receives GOVERNMENT AWARD.

"A gleeful PRINCE RAY receives Award."

OUTSTANDING MUSIC AWARD RECIPIENT - VERONICA LEVINGSTON

TAMARA HENDERSON charmingly receives her award of outstanding performance.

ALFREDA CASH graciously receives her award in FRENCH.

We Took Time Out at the Prom to Strike a Pretty Pose

"Evelyn and Dickie"

"Emily"

"Sylvia and Archie"

"Lucy and Eugene"

"Pat and Corney"

"Estella and Loniel"

"Loretta and Cecil"

"Pat and Otis"

"Carol and Prince"

Debut into Society

The above young men were formally presented to society at the Jack and Jill 1971 Beautillion Ball. LEFT TO RIGHT: Roosevelt Thompson, James Jones, Terry Roneil Haywood, Carl Ray Franklin and Johnnie Anderson.

Junior Debs

Marilyn Jarene Bluitt

Cornelia Ann Sheppard
(New President Elect)

Patricia Ann Lacy

Loretta Deckard

Junior Debs not pictured: Billye Sue Roblow and Evelyn Williams.

COMO MASCOT

Art Keith Williams

Como Boosters

ROW I Barbara Hall, Hortense Chatmon, Cynthia Harrison, Art Williams, Mascot; Dorothy Keaton, Rosie Williams, Shonda Campbell. ROW II: Patsy Thompson, Paula Ingram, Elizabeth Brooks, Ila Brown, Sharon Hill, Linda Whitfield, Rosalind Glover, Felicia Mosley, Gaylor Jenkins, Patricia Winn, Gail Means, Patricia Lenear. ROW III: Donetta Cash, Sandra Spencer, Vicki Davis. TOP: Iris Hill, Margaret Hudson, Joycelyn Thompson, Brenda Wheaton, Shirley Crosby. SPONSOR, Mrs. E. P. Benton; Patsy Thompson, CAPTAIN; Patricia Lenear, CO-CAPTAIN.

This group of girls, attractively attired at their own expense, boost our teams at pep rallies and football games.

Cheerleader Captain

Marilyn Jarene Bluitt

Varsity Cheerleaders

Emily Miller and Patricia Lacy

Shelia Bridges

COMO HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY CHEERLEADERS PROMOTE ENTHUSIASM AND SCHOOL SPIRIT AT ALL ATHLETIC EVENTS.

Vanessa Williams, Linda Alexander, Anniece McWhorter, Ronita Burrell, Mattie Simmons.

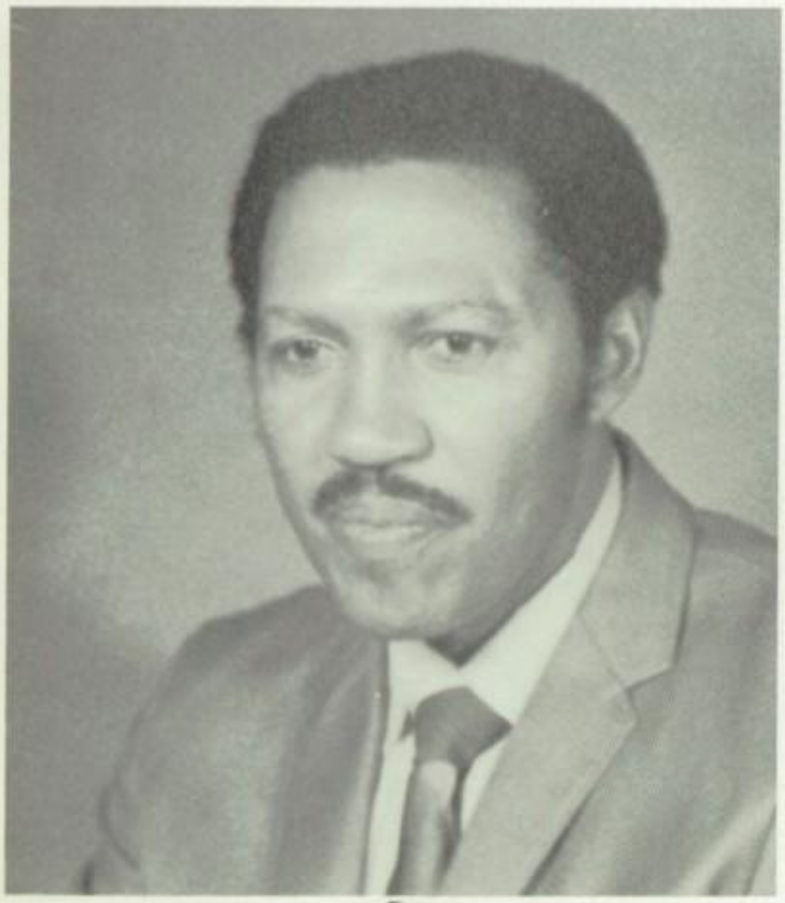
SPORTS

LEFT TO RIGHT: Anthony Carraway, Roy Lee Dorsey, Carl Webb, Arthur Alexander, Lonnie Witt, James Cooks, James Bills.

Jessie Ingram, Clifford Punch, Kenneth Jones, Sammie Sparks, Alfred Crane, James Jones, Eddie Brigham, Robert Woods,

Basketball Coach of the Year

. . . as Far as We Are Concerned!



COACH TIMOTHY A. AUSTIN

Coach Austin's Como Lions 27-6 record was due to the overall team spirit possessed by the Lions. Winning the Tishomingo Oklahoma Tournament was additional stimulus to the Lions. This added momentum, provided the Lions with the incentive to tie for the first half of their district and to win the district playoff games, the district, bi-district, and regional titles, and to go all the way to state finals.

The Lions played best when playing clutch games, winning the games that were necessities. They won the Big Ones.

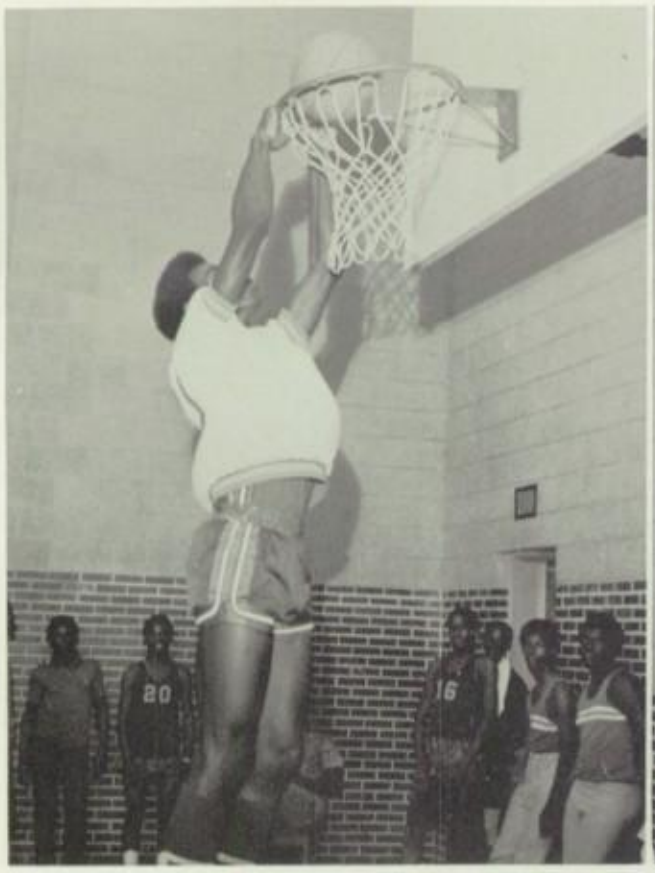
The spirit and the ability of the 1971 Basketball Team will long be remembered by the coach as one of the very best.

O.K. Gentlemen, get out there and do your 'thing'.

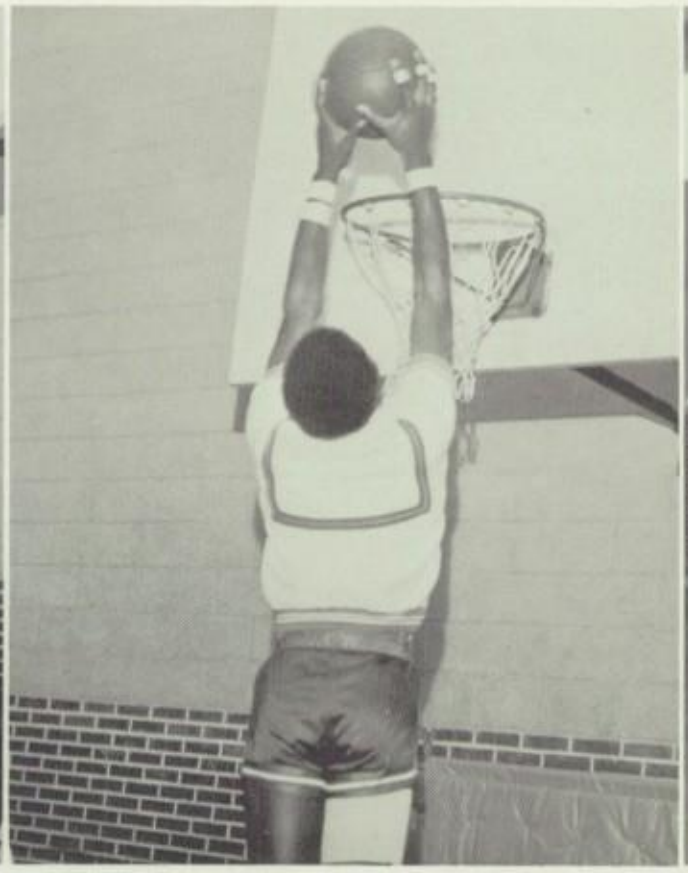
Coach Austin with "State Trophy" . . . we appreciate it, but we wanted the ball.

Well, we won it!

The Big "8"



James Cooks



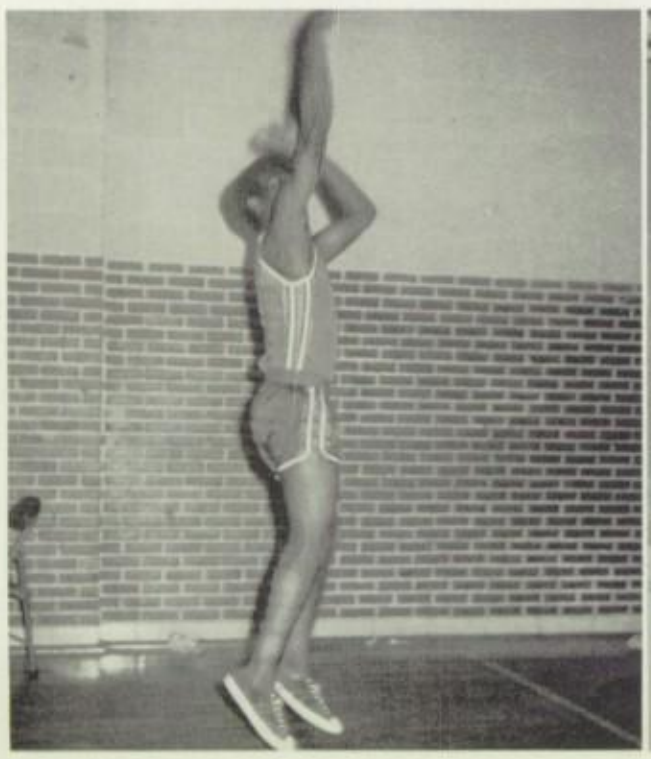
Robert Woods

James Jones

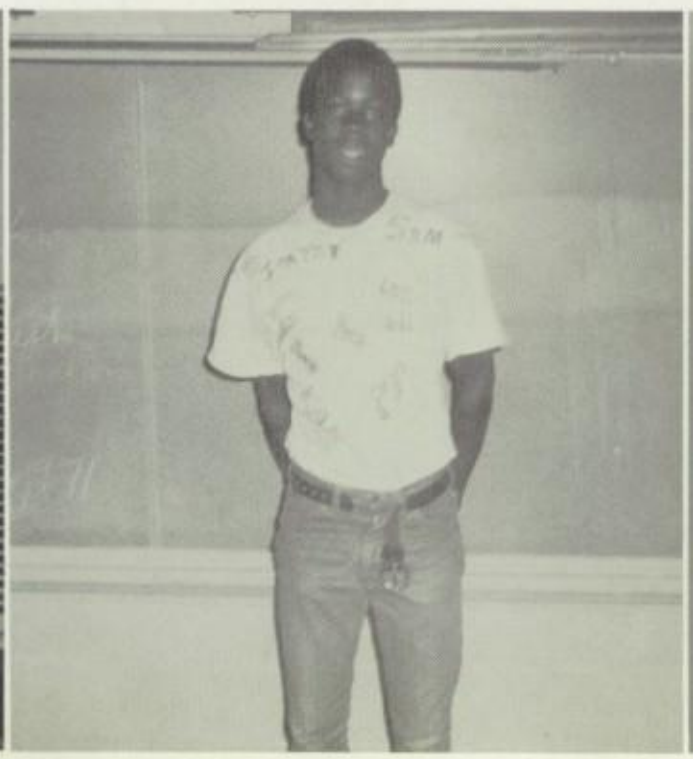
Clifford Punch

These champion basketeers sparked the Como Varsity Basketball Team all the way to STATE, where they had to settle for the Number Two spot which is not bad when you can't be Number One.

Carl Webb



Ernest Webb



Sammy Sparks

Arthur Alexander

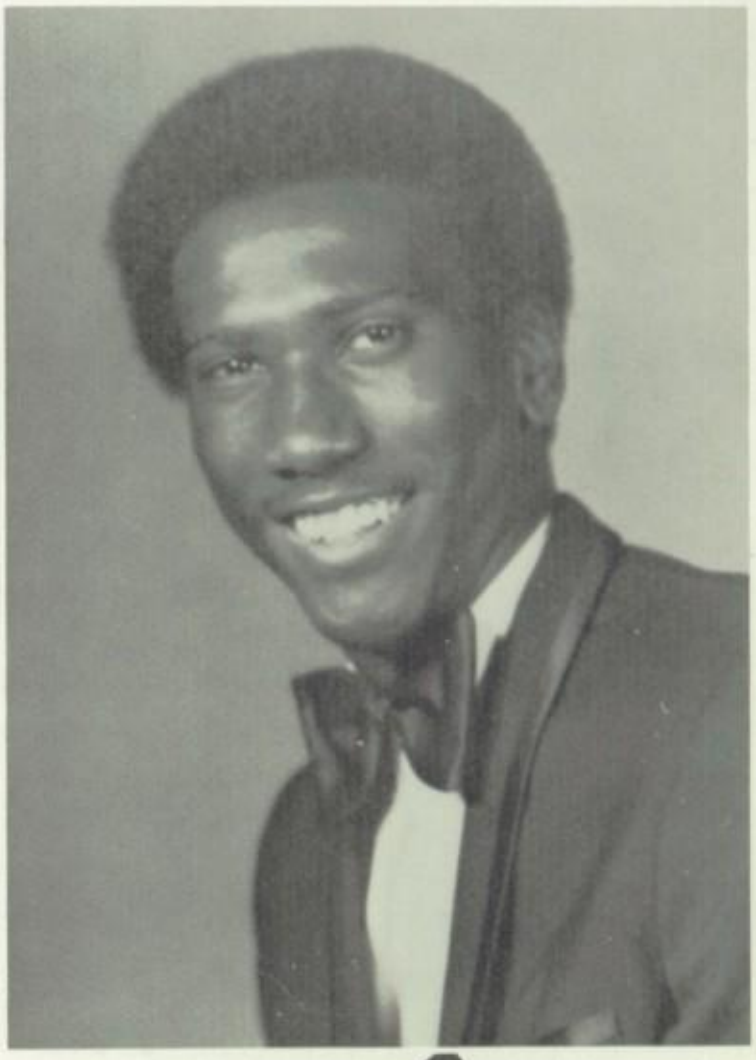
Lion Basketeers . . . No. 2 In State

Jessie Ingram . . . District Play-off Game Star! -- At The State Tournament

It was within the last five seconds of the District Play-Off Game,
The scores were tied and Jessie was fouled by an Azle Hornet,
I know not his name.
All was silent, as "Cool Jess" strolled to the free throw line.
Overtime or a "Win" . . . this was the time.

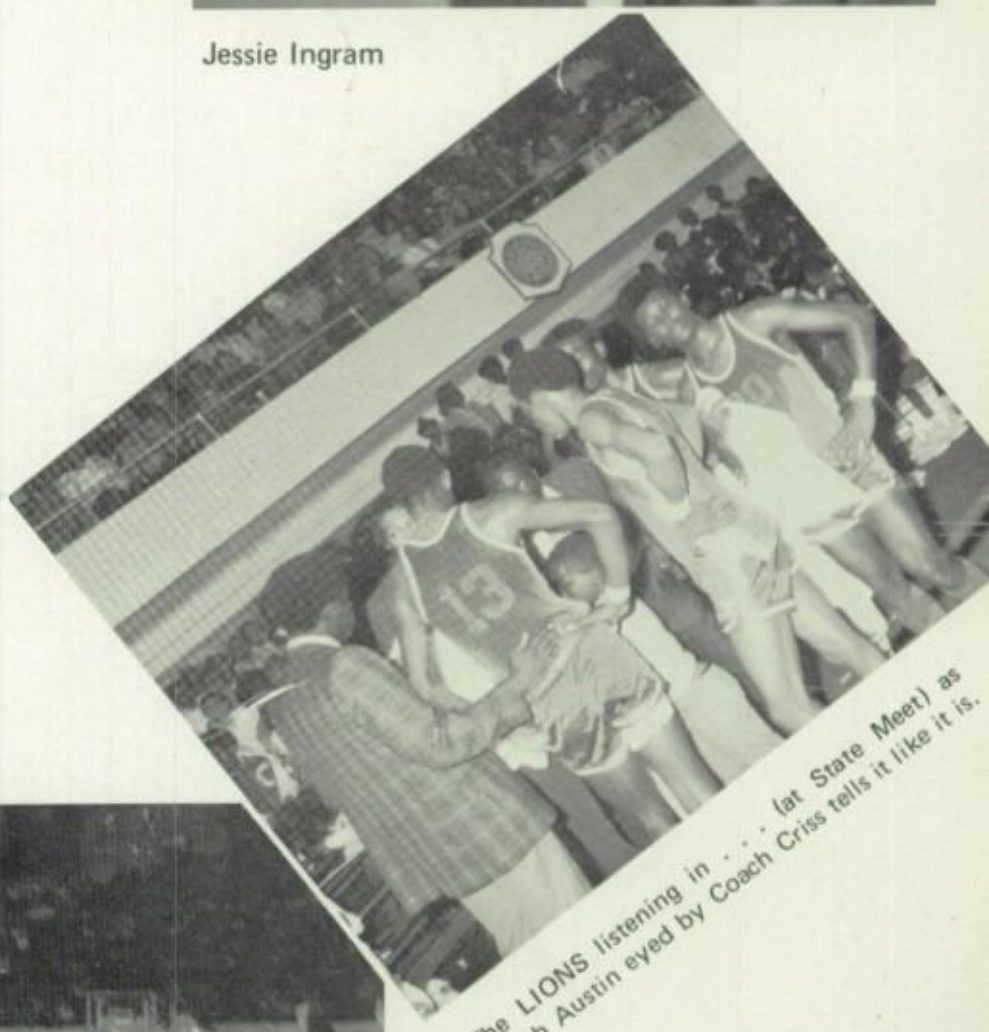
JESSIE aimed at the goal as calm as could be,
Every fan held his breath and strained to see.
In with the ball completely clear of the net.
The game was OURS, you bet.

You would think that one point by Jessie would him satisfy,
No, indeed! The Como Basketeer sank another before every eye.
HE was the NUMBER ONE COMO LION BASKETEER that night,
And the ENTIRE GAME . . . was completely "Out of Sight".



Jessie Ingram

LION BASKETEERS breaking the fast at the State Tournamen



The LIONS listening in . . . (at State Meet) as Coach Austin eyed by Coach Criss tells it like it is.

Clifford Punch, All State Player, at the free throw line in Austin.

"B" Team Basketball

STANDING: Michael Smith, Robert Styles, Estrus Tucker, Milton Robinson, Rell Angton, Abner Slater, Maurice Hicks and Jimmy Davis. KNEELING: Robert Randall, William Miller, Lawrence Hill and David Moore.

Varsity Team at the Regional

71 (Jacksonville)

75 (Como Lions)

Junior High Basketball

NINTH GRADE TEAM: ROW I, Top to Bottom: Hurley Cooks, Nemory Howard, Otha Bridges, Gary Washington, Robert Oglesby. ROW II: Dennis Lacy, Donald Garnett, Herbert Russell, Lowell Franklin, Gary Hickman, Coach Charles Reavis, Reginald Mitcherson. BOTTOM ROW: J. W. Briscoe, Jr., Ray Williams, Freddie Brigham, Cardell Tippens.

SEVENTH-EIGHTH GRADE TEAM: TOP ROW: Ronald Hicks, Charles Byrd, Eugene Murphy, Glenwood Peterson, Ricky Fowler, Clarence Whitfield, Larry Bonner, Sidney Smith, Billy Hughes, Ellis Collins, Andy Sansom, James Johnson, Ronnie Roberts. KNEELING: James Pierce, Terry Kirby, Roy Lee Bailey, Gene Tippens, Wayne White, Paul Brooks, Marvin Slater. NOT PICTURED: Coach John Woods.

Junior High Football

FRESHMAN FOOTBALL TEAM: FRONT ROW: Ronald Thomas, Terry Kirby, Roy Lee Bailey, James Pierce, Trainers, Gregory Spencer, Edward Amie. ROW II: Reginald Mitcherson, Lester Oliver, Ray Williams, Gary Washington, Melvin Russell, Henry F. Harvey, III, Artis Lang, Wayne White. TOP ROW: Damon Clardy, Clarence Whitfield, Robert Oglesby, Otha Bridges, Herbert Russell, Sanford Smith, Captain; Curtis Phennix, Gary Hickman, Captain; Douglas Thomas, Donald Ray Hawthorne, Ollie Johnson, Billy Allen. Coach John Glen Woods not pictured. (DISTRICT CHAMPS - 1970-71).

SEVENTH - EIGHTH GRADE FOOTBALL TEAM: FRONT ROW: Keith Hunt, Henry Jenkins, Frank Strider, Malcom Houston, Wesley Shelton, Eric Mack, Dedle Amie, Gerry Hawthorne, Bruce Anderson, Marvin Slater. ROW II: Billy Swanson, Berry Williams, Larry Golightly, Edward King, Richard Jackson, Roland Hicks, Andrew Thomas, Earl Jackson, Ronnie Ingram, Ronnie Roberts. BACK ROW: Ronnie Hicks, Bobby Parker, Daon Clardy, Perry Fowler, Jake Ingram, Copeland Wright, Ricky Fowler, Charles Byrd, Paul Brooks, Glenwood Peterson, Larry Adams, James Earl King.

Varsity Football Team

BOTTOM ROW: James Adkins, Earnest Lockhart, William Server, Milton Robinson, George Greene, Lawrence Hill, William Miller, Gene Tippens, Alvin Lightner. ROW II: Coach Harvey, Kim Marshall, Walter Smith, Reginald Williams, Robert Johnson, Lawrence Neal, Carl Webb, Barry Collins, Michael Wheaton, Marvin Meeks, Wendell Strain, Richard Lewis, Jeffrey Hale. ROW III: Nathaniel Hughes, Lonnie Witt, Robert Woods, Ronald Lusk, Willie Thomas, Leonard Mayberry, Leonard Thompson, Lee Johnson, Larry Hickman, John Scott, William Wyrick, Alvin Garnett, James Bills, Henry Means, Ivory Gardner, James Jones.

FOOTBALL CAPTAINS
Lee Johnson, James Jones, and James Bills.

The Lion Football Team struggled through its worst season in the history of COMO HIGH SCHOOL. The team just couldn't seem to get "it together". They had a good quarterback in the person of James Jones, and there was a "lot of heart" on the team, but this just wasn't OUR YEAR as far as football was concerned. It just goes to show that some years you will and some years you won't.

Autographs
(Athletes . . . Only)

Varsity Baseball Team

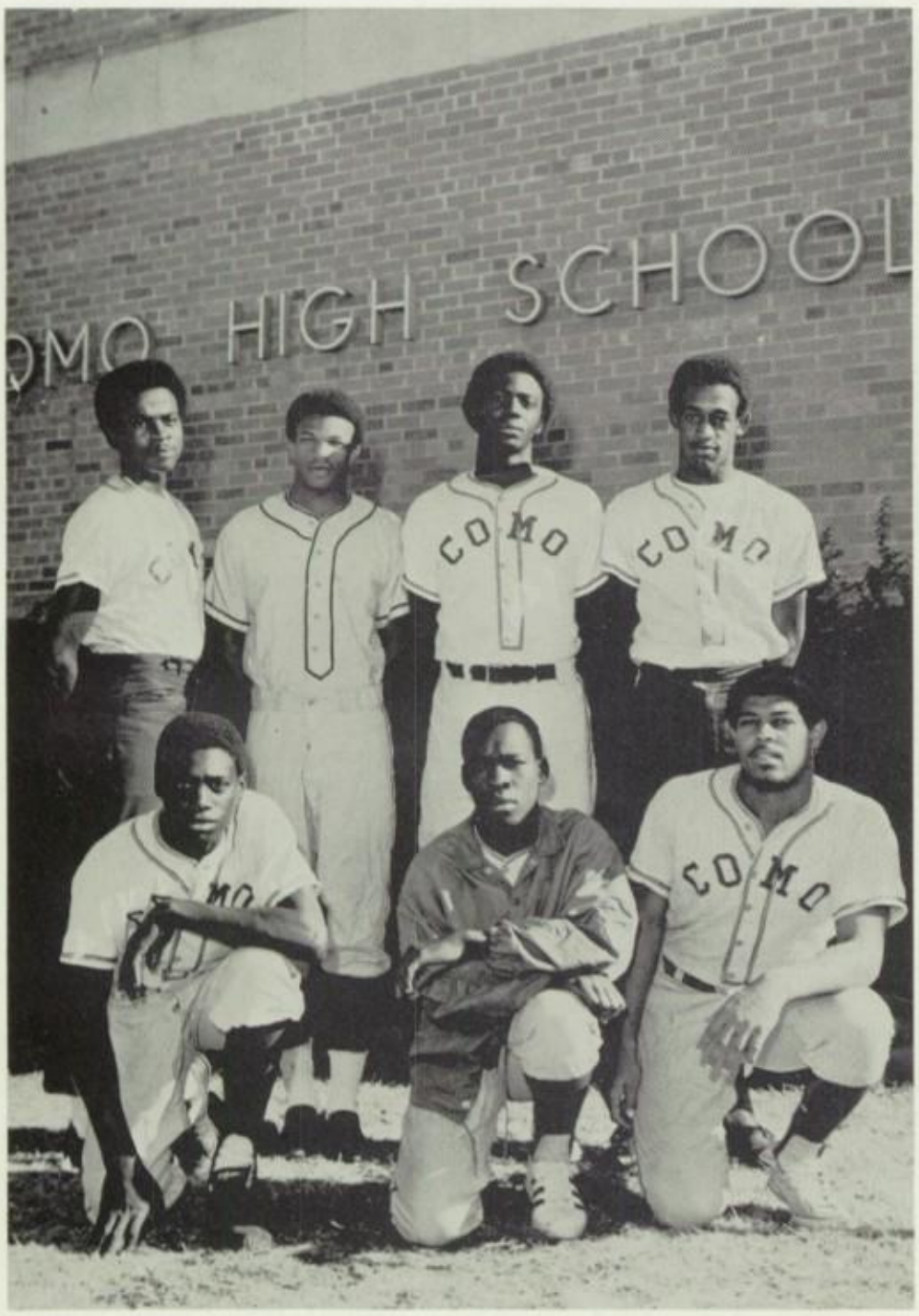
OUTFIELD STANDING: Coach Willie B. Criss, Benjamin Wilson, Larry Johnson, Milton Robinson, Nathaniel Hughes, Wayne Cash. KNEELING: George Greene, Louis Roberts, James Strong, Ernest Walton, Leonard Thompson, Reginald Williams.

INFIELD STANDING: Jeffrey Hale, Jimmie Davis, Alvin Lightner, George Slater, Arthur Larkins, Barry Collins. KNEELING: Floyd Brooks, James Strong, Micheal Wheaton, Kim Marshall, Wendell Strain, Larry Hickman.

Lion Varsity Baseball

BASEBALL COACH
Willie Criss

BASEBALL SWEETHEART
Vanessa Cummings



LION PITCHING STAFF, STANDING: James Cooks, James Jones, Frederick Alexander, Robert Woods. KNEELING: Walter Smith, Leonard Mayberry, Richard Lewis.

THE LION BASEBALL "9" had seven (7) lettermen returning. Captains: James Strong and Larry Hickman - both three year lettermen. Promising newcomers are: Jeffrey Hale, pitcher and catcher; Gary Hickman, shortshop; James Kennedy, outfielder and pitcher; Wendell Strain, second base. Returning lettermen by position:

First Base - Jimmy Davis
Second Base - Leonard Mayberry
Third Base - Arthur Larkins
Shortstop - Larry Hickman
Catcher - Barry Collins
Center field - James Strong
Right field - Nathaniel Hughes

Eugene Whigham. . . The Versatile One!

EUGENE WHIGHAM - 440 Relay, 440 Dash, Mile Relay

1969 saw the blossoming of a highly competetive individual in EUGENE WHIGHAM. In each meet during 1969, young Whigham set a record in the 440 Dash. These included the Blue Raider Relays, Hurst, and District 3A-5 Meet. He also ran the third leg on the District Record (3:25.7) Mile Relay Team.

1970 did not change his pace. Records in the 440 were set by Whigham in the McKinney Relays, Steel Town Relays, Dangerfield, Texas at 49.6, and District 3A-5 Meet of 49.3. Whigham also ran on the District Record Setting 440 Relay Team (42.8). He advanced to the Regional Meet and ran a 48.6 for 440 Dash and placed fifth in the finals.

1971 should be HIS YEAR to break his records and advance to the State Finals in the 440 Dash.

Jefferson Davis
Track Coach

Marilyn Jarene Bluitt
Track Queen

Track

Como High School Track Record

EVENT	MARK	HOLDER	YEAR
120 High Hurdles	16.1	Robert Whigham	1968
100 Yard Dash	9.7	Robert Meeks	1969
440 Yard Dash	48.6	Eugene Whigham	1970
330 Yard Int. H.	42.4	Robert Whigham	1968
440 Relay	42.6	Terry Clark Edward Hall Jerry Barrett DeCarlton Cridell	1968
530 Yard Dash	2:02.0	Gerald Giles	1966
220 Yard Dash	22.5	Jerry Barrett	1968
		DeCarlton Cridell	1969
Mile Run	5:00.1	Robert English	1966
Mile Relay*	3:27.7	DeCarlton Cridell Michael Scott Eugene Whigham Earl Brice	1969
880 Yard Relay	1:29.9	Jerry Barrett DeCarlton Cridell Edward Hall Terry Clark	1968
2 Mile Relay	8:23.5	James Crenshaw Robert English Julian Russell Gerald Giles	1965
180 Low Hurdles (straight)	22.2	Steve Williams	1965
180 Low Hurdles (curved)	22.5	John Mitchell	1965
Long Jump	21'2"	Earl Brice	1969
High Jump*	6'2"	Michael Scott	1970
Shot	52'1"	Frank Strong	1965
Discus	154'2"	Cyrus Hill	1965
Pole Vault	12'2"	Larry Lampkin	1966
3A-5 DISTRICT RECORD HELD BY COMO HIGH			
440 Relay	42.8	Eugene Whigham Edward Hall Michael Scott Robert Meeks	1970
440 Dash	49.3	Eugene Whigham	1970

*Denotes School and District Records

VARSITY TRACK TEAM, STANDING, L/R: Wendell Strain, John Scott, Harold Haynes, Charles Jordan, Franklin Henry, Robert Meachem, Lee Johnson, Walter Vaughn, Ivory Gardner, William Wyrick, Coach Jefferson Davis. KNEELING: Marvin Meeks, Eugene Whigham, Gerald Harper, Archie Hunt, and Lawrence Neal.

Girls' Volleyball Team

STANDING: Mrs. Reynolds, Coach; Alva Mooney, Linda Bennett, Delois Moody, Germain Smith, Mrs. Jackson, Coach. KNEELING: Cheryl Miller, Shelia Blanton, Janice Holleman, Debra Nolley, Leslie Smith, Gail Atkins, Bernice Russell, Jerry Gambrell.

The Volleyball Team represented us well in the Intramural Tournament by bringing a Second Place win. Record for the season --- won 8 out of 9 games.

Exercising before a practice game.

A typical practice session.

Bowling . . . A New Sport at Como!

THE BOWLING TEAM, KNEELING: Ronnie Ingram, James Strong, Raymond Loving, Arthur Larkins, Henry Means. STANDING: Mr. Meaderis, Wayne Hubbard, Malcolm, Houston, Andrew Thompson, Joe Prescott, Gene Tippens, and Eddie Newman.

Gene Tippens approaches the lane for the perfect score, as teammates look on.

These students ranked at the top in their Intramural Bowling Tournament held at Wedgwood Bowling Lanes. Trophies and ribbons were awarded. Other intramural sports include wrestling, tennis, softball, basketball, volleyball, track and field events.

Robert L. Meaderis, COACH

Bowling Team in Action

Ray's turn to keep score . . .

Our Staff Members Are Always Busy . . .

PERSONALITIES

Working?

Checking attendance or is she working on her income tax.

Making an appointment for a school visit, or is it a personal call on school time.

Checking infractions or is he balancing his budget behind closed doors.

Watching a track event . . . or just . . . watching . . .

Explaining new data to a new teacher or making a luncheon date.

At the Polls

"I really like Mrs. ?, but she gave me a C, so I'll choose Miss ?."

EXERCISING one of our basic freedoms . . . Freedom of CHOICE . . . . . .

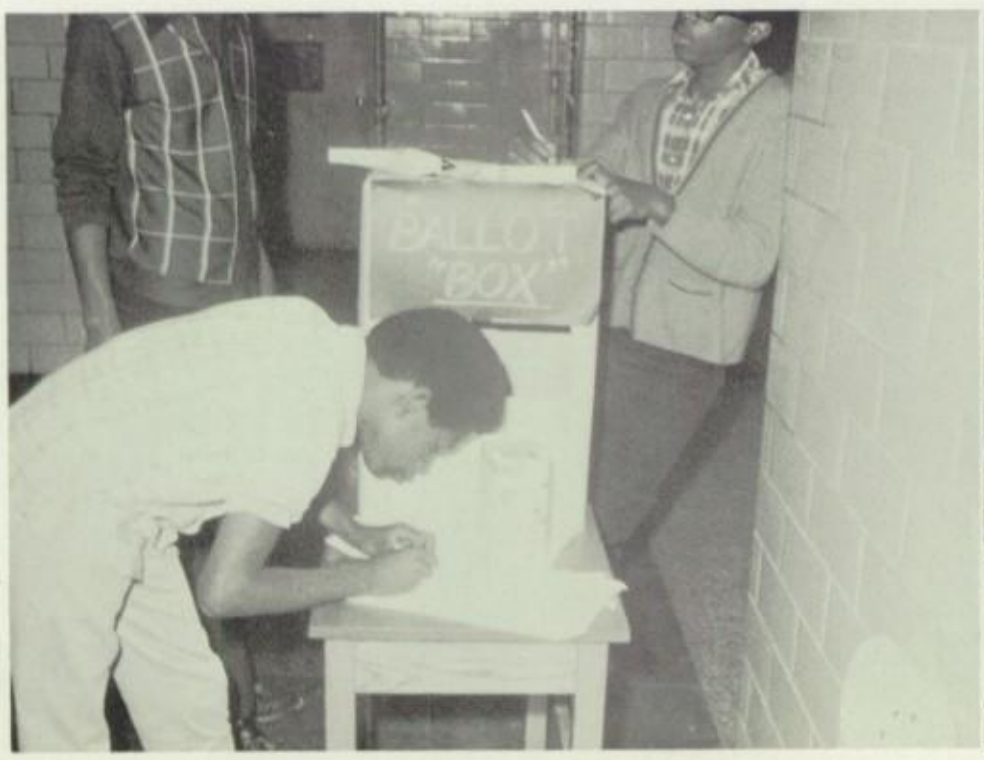
Students from all grade levels choose their favorite teachers:

Senior High: Coach Henry Harvey
Mrs. Jewel F. Kelly

Junior High: Rudolph Eastman
Mrs. Gloria Houston

"Up until this morning I would have voted for Mr. So and So, but he wouldn't let me be excused."

"I guess I'll play it safe and vote for my homeroom teacher . . . She'd know if I didn't."

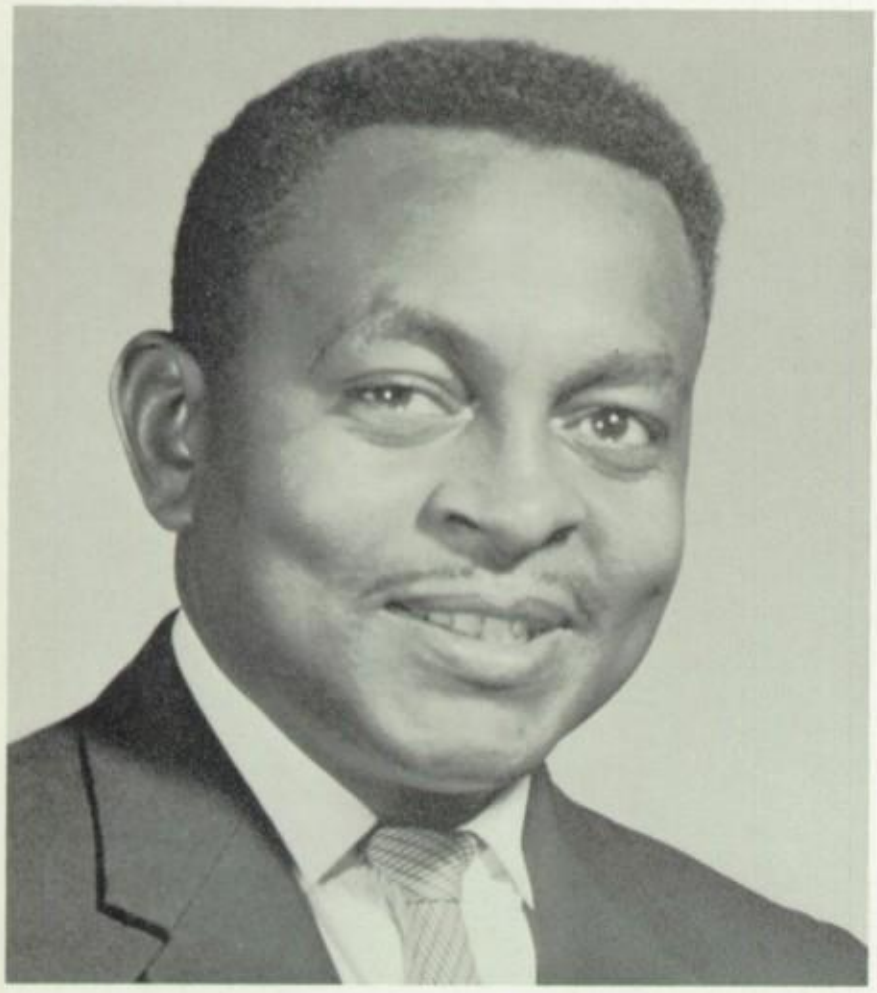


"I'll vote for Mrs. Kelly, she's got the swell head anyway . . . Teacher of the Year."

"I hadn't planned to vote, but this is the only way to the cafeteria . . . It's cold outside."

Favorite Teachers

Senior High



HENRY FRANKLIN HARVEY

Coach Harvey, our head football coach was chosen as the favorite male teacher in the Senior High Division. He is a native of Tyler, Texas and a graduate of Emmett Scott High School of that city. He is a graduate of Texas Southern University and a Korean veteran. Honors: All District - 2 years, led state in passing. Most sought after black athlete in state in 1949, led Midwestern Athletic Conference in passing as a freshman. Won the National Collegiate Championship in 1952.

MRS. JEWEL FAYE KELLY

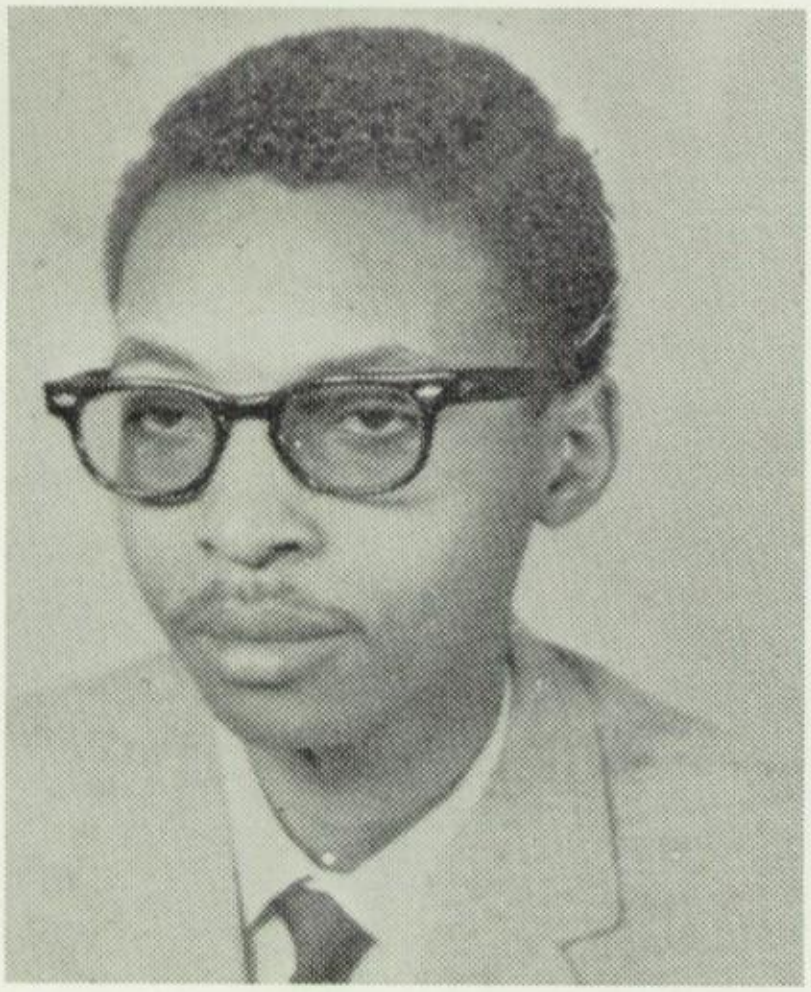
Mrs. Kelly, favorite female teacher, Senior High Division, is a native of Fort Worth, Texas and a graduate of I. M. Terrell High School. She attended North Texas State University where she majored in Music. She has done graduate work at that institution and is scheduled to receive her Masters degree in the near future. Mrs. Kelly is an accomplished musician and teacher. She is co-winner of the Fort Worth Teacher of the Year and Director of Music at Shiloh Baptist Church.

Coach Harvey showing off his physique in one of his P.E. classes.

SNOOTY BUT SWEET . . . She has just received one dozen roses as KFJZ's Sweetheart of the Day.

Favorite Teachers

Junior High



RUDOLPH EASTMAN

RUDOLPH EASTMAN, a native of Hereford, Texas is a graduate of Paul Quinn College, Waco, Texas where he majored in History and Business. He is the teacher of 8th Grade Social Studies and High School Drama Coach. He is a dedicated teacher with an embedded love for Drama and the Arts.

Hobbies include reading and fishing . . . We here at Como think he is a pretty "nice guy".

MRS. GLORIA HOUSTON

MRS. GLORIA HOUSTON, a native of Fort Worth is a graduate of I. M. Terrell High School and Huston Tillotson College where she received her B.S. Degree. She has done graduate work at North Texas State University. Before joining the faculty at Como, Mrs. Houston taught in the County School in Meridian, Mississippi.

She is a member of Mount Pisgah Baptist Church and takes an active part in the Senior Choir.

This favorite teacher finds great pleasure in working with teenagers, housekeeping, sewing, when time allows, and reading.

Teacher Eastman explaining some important data to the members of his class.

Favorite Teacher Houston doing her favorite "thing", effectively instructing students at Como.

James O. Ingram, Faculty Representative

Mr. James Ingram, the faculty representative for Como Junior-Senior High School, has served in this capacity for the past three years. Those teachers who only carry a full teaching load realize the extra time and work involved in serving as a faculty representative.

Some of those many "oft times thankless" duties are:

- Attending representative meetings
- Meeting with the faculty
- Conducting teacher surveys
- Assisting new teachers
- Providing information:
  - United Fund
  - Insurance
  - Workshops
- Handling grievance procedures
- Conducting voting in the building

Mr. Ingram as a teacher of mathematics at our school can boast of the fact that Como graduates have consistently scored among the top percentile in math.

As representative to the Fort Worth Classroom Teachers Association, Mr. Ingram speaks for the entire faculty and votes for them at the delegate assembly.

JAMES O. INGRAM

Our faculty representative momentarily relaxing in the library.

Mr. Ingram enroute to one of his many meetings.

Most Outstanding Homeroom — 225

(GRADE 10)

DAVID KING, PRESIDENT
MRS. EARNESTINE COHEE, TEACHER

HOMEROOM 225

MISS HOMEROOM 225
Ruthie Jenkins

The members of HOMEROOM 225, under the capable leadership of Mrs. Earnestine Cohee (a newcomer) and David King, homeroom president, have distinguished themselves through their participation in the Yearbook Contest . . . CONGRATULATIONS!

It is a pleasure to spotlight such a fine homeroom in this, our LAST YEARBOOK.

HOMEROOM PRESIDENT
David King

FIRST RUNNER-UP
Gail Meks

SECOND RUNNER-UP
Alberta Young

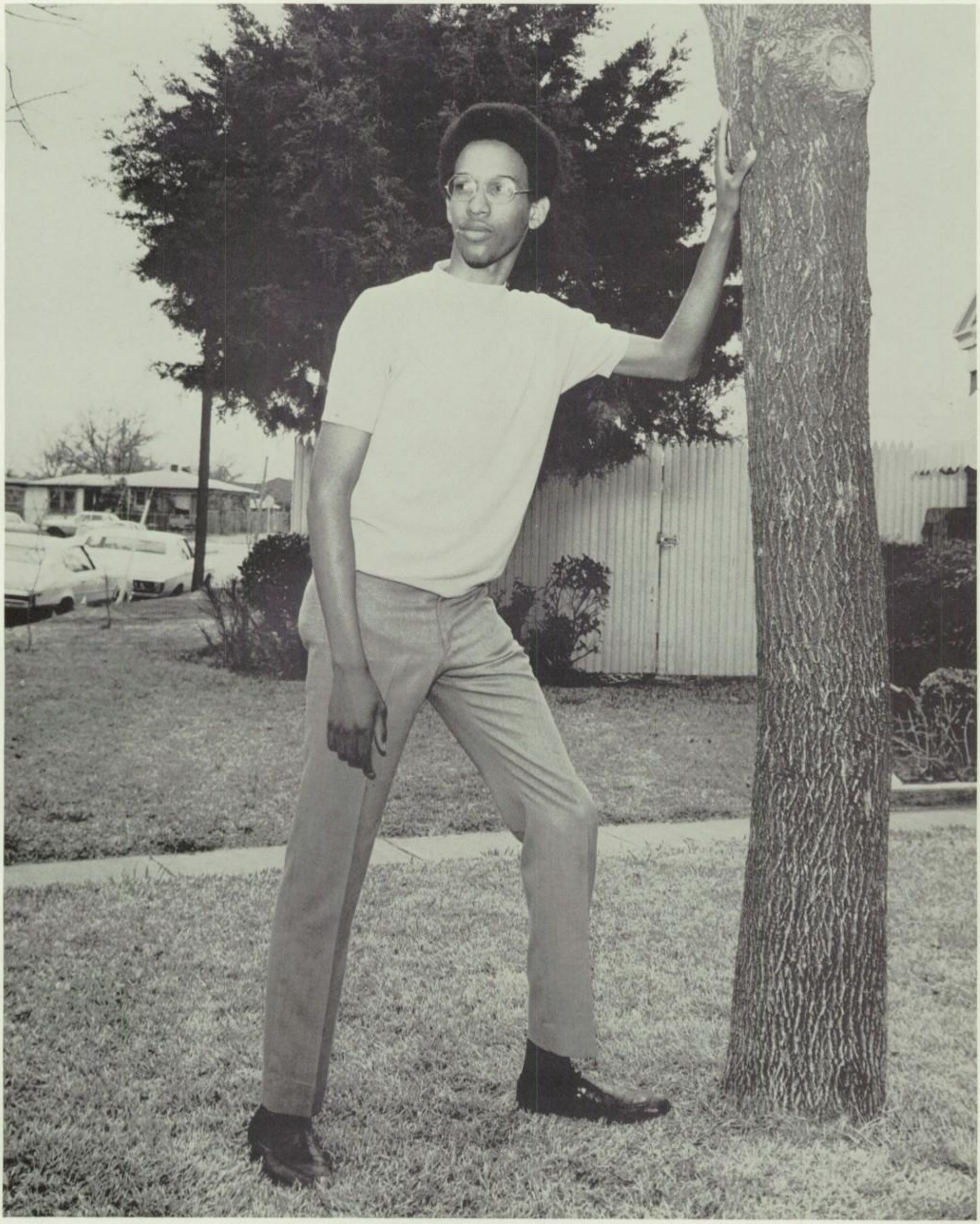
THIRD RUNNER-UP
Sarah Howard

Miss Yearbook

MARILYN JARENE BLUITT

The charming and lovely Marilyn Jarene Bluitt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jarriett Bluitt, is Captain of the Varsity Cheerleaders, Track Queen, Usherette, nominee for the Como Mod Squad, an active member of the Como Tri-Hi-Y, and a 1971 Junior Deb.

Mr. Yearbook



TERRY RONEIL HAYWOOD

The popular son of Mrs. Seawillow Haywood and the late Mr. Darnell Haywood, is President of the Como D.E. Club and English Cultural Club. He is a member of the Mod Squad, and of the Tri-Hi-Y, and a 1971 Jack and Jill Beautillion Beau.

Yearbook Royalty Runners-Up

RANK ORDER, LEFT TO RIGHT: Estella Henry, Parthena Smith, Dana Woods, and Roosevelt Thompson.

Yearbook Editor and Chief Photographers

YEARBOOK EDITOR, LaJuannah Drake flanked by chief photographers Roosevelt Thompson (left) and Terry Haywood (right).

Mr. Como

GERALD HARPER . . . . . .COMO'S NO. 1 MALE

Como Mod Squad

THE YEARBOOK STAFF elected the above students as the "Most Mod" at Como and tabbed them the COMO MOD SQUAD . . . LEFT TO RIGHT:
Gene Tippens, Glenda Peterson, Jimmie McKnight, Ernest Walton, Vanessa Cummings, Terry Haywood, Emerson Anderson and Cornelia Sheppard.

Not the COMO MOD SQUAD . . . But Mod anyway . . . STANDING: Billye Sue Roblow, Robert Styles, and Syndi Cox. SEATED: Shirley Dorsey and Ernest Walton.

MOST VERSATILE ATHLETE
JAMES JONES

FOOTBALL: No. 1 Quarterback and Defensive Corner Back.
BASKETBALL: Starter-Forward on No. 2 Team in State.
TRACK: Mile Relay, 440 Relay, 220.

Como

Who's Who

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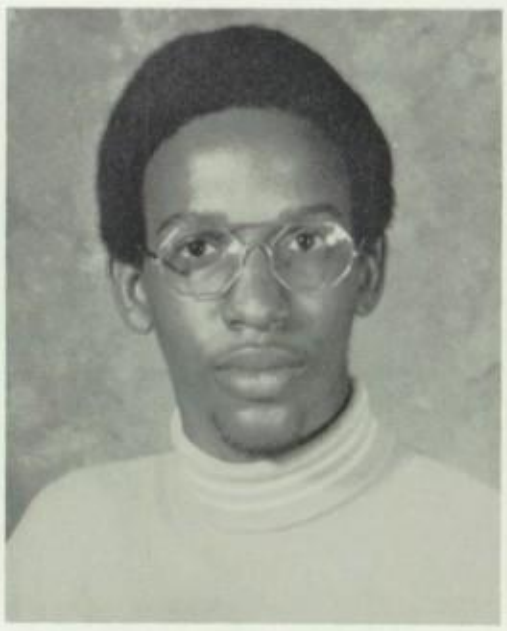
Charles Furlow
Science Fair Award Winner

Barry Collins
Sportsmanship Award

Berma Jones
Secretary, City Council FHA

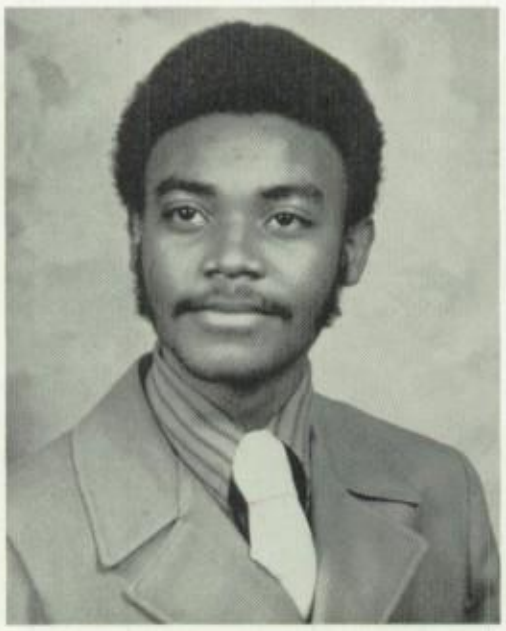
Billye Sue Roblow
Outstanding Theatrical Performer

Arzetta Williams
Miss Como



Terry Roniel Haywood
Most Outstanding Yearbook Worker

Roosevelt Thompson
Omega Psi Phi Award Winner



Douglas Hewett
Outstanding D.E. Student

Marilyn Bluitt
Captain Varsity Cheerleaders

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LaJuannah Drake
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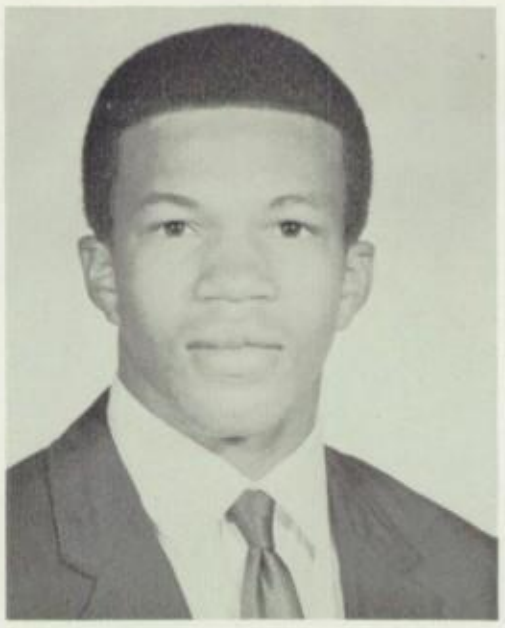
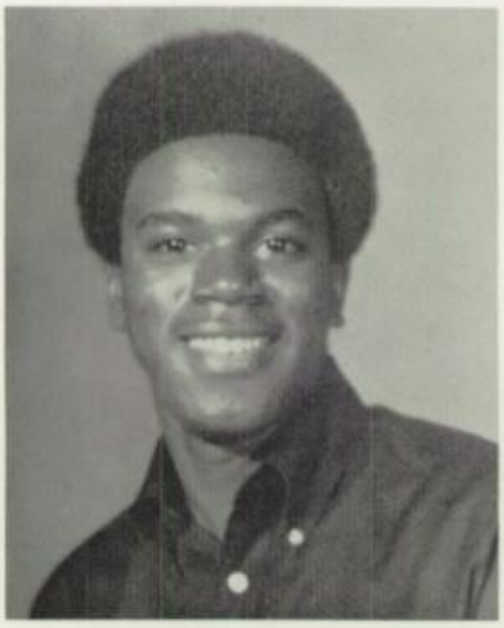


James Jones
President Senior Class

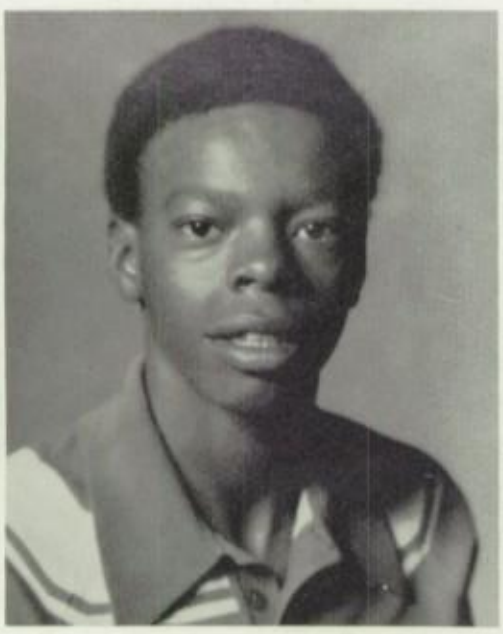
Debra Hill
Junior High Spelling Champ



Zackary Drake
President Junior Class

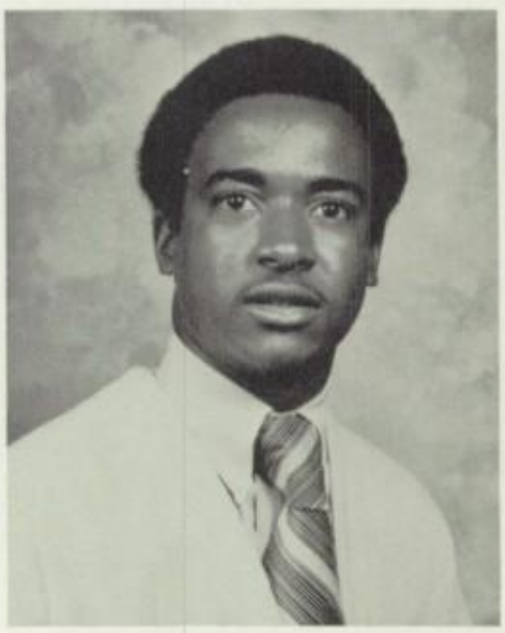
Patricia Walker
Betty Crocker Award

James Cooks
Member All State Basketball Team
Center



Clifford Punch
Member All State Basketball Team
Guard

Evelyn Williams
Drum Majorette



Gerald Harper
Mr. Como

MEDEA (Beverlyn Young) smiles affectionately at one son, J. W. Briscoe, Jr. as the other son, Eddy Newman, looks on.

. . . . Our 1971 Contest Play

Bennie McElroy, tudor of Medea's children, and their nurse, Billye Sue Roblow, receive gifts from Medea to be taken to Jason's wife.

Jason, John English, Medea's ex-husband begs entrance to no avail.

The story of "Medea" is as universal as a sunrise whether in far off China, ancient Greece, or in the warm Niger river valley, in the old kingdom of Mali, on the dark continent of Africa --- the setting of our "Medea".

The director, Mr. Rudolph Eastman, is a graduate of Paul Quinn College and a teacher of Social Studies. Although dedicated to the teaching profession all who know "Rudy" feel that his first love is "Drama". He is imaginative and original and not only directs, but designs all the costumes of his productions.

Women of Niani, Linda Dawson, Sylvia Mathis and Patricia Lenear look captivated as they gaze into the magical pot.

Speech Club In Action

"If you're gonna 'rap' . . . do it right."

"No . . . you're looking in the wrong direction."

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"Hey, don't manhandle the merchandise."

"I'm so upset, I can't help wringing my hands."

"Listen, I'm talking to you, stop reading that book."

"All right, all together for choral reading."

Some People Eat to Live . . . We Live to Eat

"Um, um, good."

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"I always eat in the lunchroom when we have chicken."

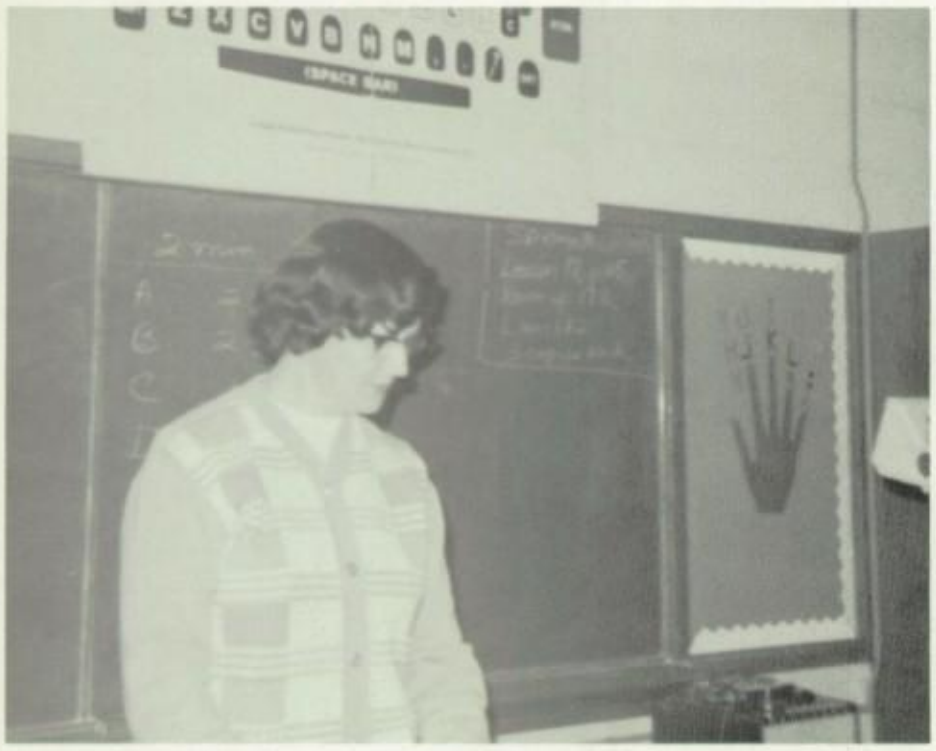
"Hey, nobody's eating here but us."

"You eat, I'll sleep."

"Wonder why nobody's eating next to me today."

"Don't we have nice table manners?"

Members of Our Faculty Doing What They Do Best . . Teaching



Mrs. Sproull, "Too many errors again."

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Mrs. Kelly, "I said Do, Re, Me, not Fa, So, La."

Mrs. Benton, "Your answer is wrong, but it is funny."

Mrs. C. Gardner, "You are not pronouncing your vowels clearly."

Mrs. Grant, "Students, I have good news . . . for once, everybody passed the test."

Mrs. Scott, "Oh, I am teaching, they are taking a timed writing and I am sending in an infraction for a "CUT"."

Just Rapping and Profiling

Wendell trying to explain to Colleen as Carroway pretends to be unconcerned."

Ain't it a crying shame. Ernest, making eyes at his number one girl.

POTPOURRI

"It's hard but we're making that early class."

No you're not seeing a double exposure just JoAnn and Mert on Twin Day.

"All right Emily, stop profiling, just run the stencil . . . ."

"Mr. Davis, please let me explain how it really was."

Happiness Is . . . Attending School at Como!

"This test sure is hard . . . . . .

. . . . . or I'm not so smart."

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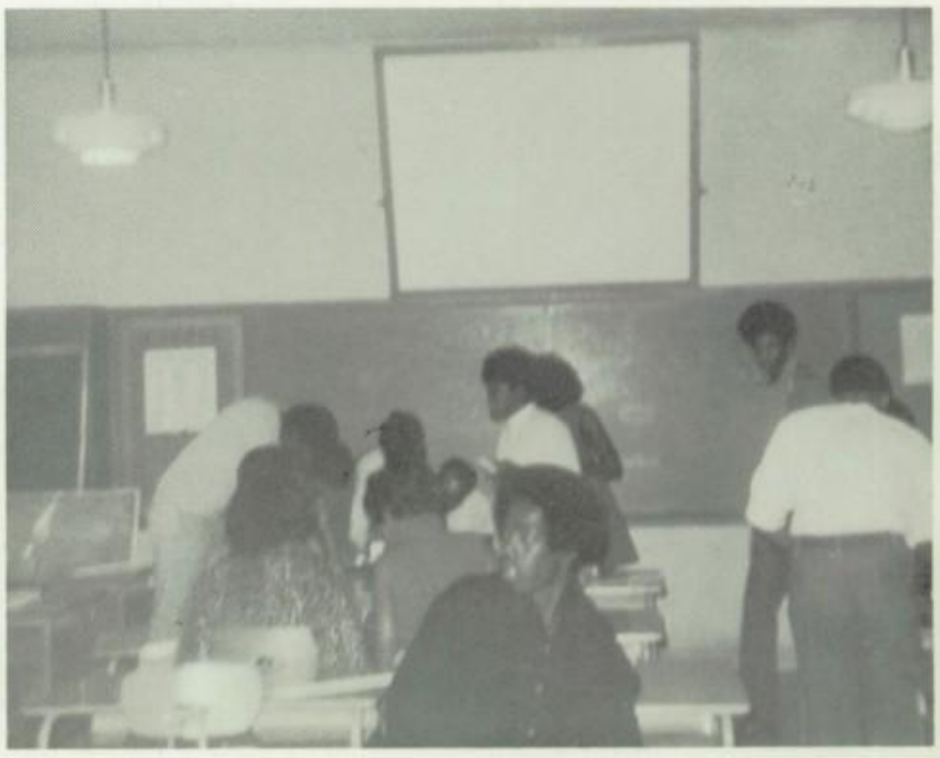
"We like taking English under you, Mrs. Powell."

"Ok, let's PARLEZ VOUS some French."

"Typing would be more fun, if I could only type when I felt like it."



"Hey, attention up front, not on that fox in the hall, Eugene."

The Library . . . Our Well Used Resource Center

Mrs. Marion Childress, librarian, busy as usual.

"Hey Seniors, only one book and one newspaper in the library!"

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Zackary Drake, President of Junior Class doing a little research.

Gloria Holloway, Library Assistant, on the job and doing it well.

Mrs. Childress, librarian, assisting Dwayne Cummings.

Students hard at work in the library.

Some Not So Typical Scenes . . .

Vice-Principal Davis and Principal Byrd during a rare moment of relaxation.

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"Mrs. Scott, now that you have adjusted my drape, let me adjust your collar."

Never knew teachers had time to watch the clock . . . or should I say "watch".

No argument, just a slight misunderstanding.

Like the cat and the mouse . . . when the teacher's away the students play.

"Say Teach, those boots are made for walking."

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Homecoming Mrs. E. B. Grant style . . . Corsage, compliments of her homeroom.

Mrs. Washington surrounded by her 1:00 o'clock Fan Club."

Mrs. Roberson flanked by her favorite students as she preaches the good stuff (see book).

Male Ushers, after the Easter Program . . . even the girls stopped and took "notice".

Mrs. S. "Why are you taking karate?"
Mrs. K. "Self Defense."
Mrs. S. "Why are you taking karate?"

Male Ushers, posing after the Easter program . . . smooth, sharp, and easy on the eye.

Classroom Scenes . . .

Chorus, Mrs. Kelly, Instructor.

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Homemaking (Sewing), Mrs. Simmons, Instructor.

Chemistry, Mr. Reavis, Instructor.

Wood Shop, Mr. Cummings, Instructor.

Drafting, Mr. Stanley Scott, Instructor.

Government, Mrs. E. Benton, Instructor.

Classroom Scenes . . .

Earth Science, Mr. Woods, Instructor.

. . . We don't dare tell, we think he's asleep, but the teacher thinks he's reading.

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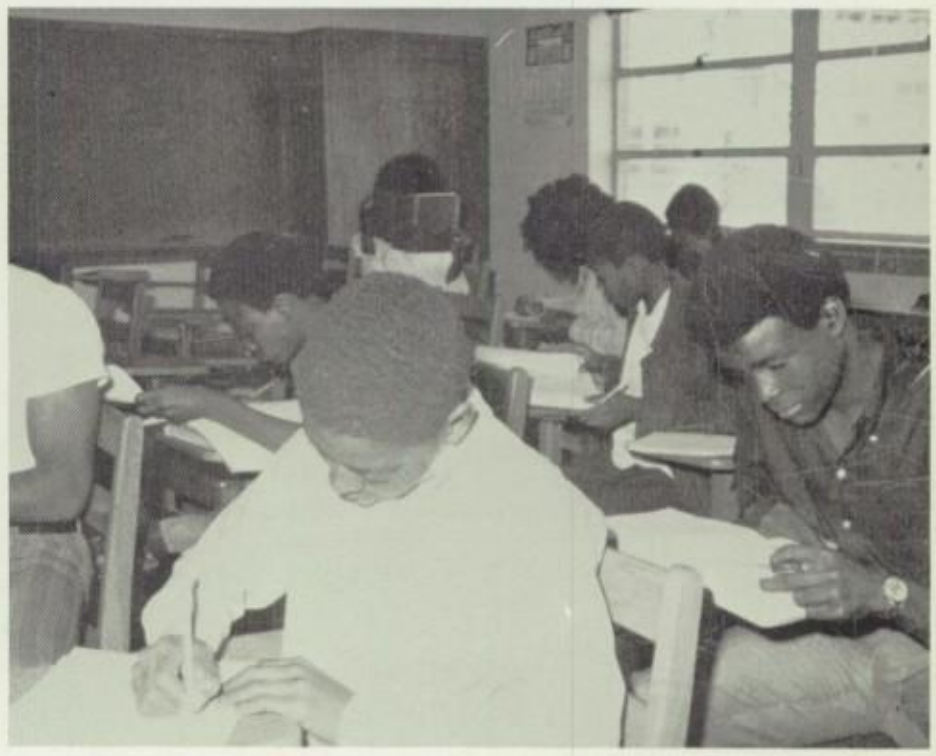
World History, Mrs. Roberson, Instructor.



English, Mrs. G. Houston, Instructor.

Typewriting I, Mrs. D. Scott, Instructor.

Elementary Analysis, Mr. Ingram, Instructor.

Classroom Scenes . . .

Seventh Grade Mathematics, Mrs. Kyle, Instructor.

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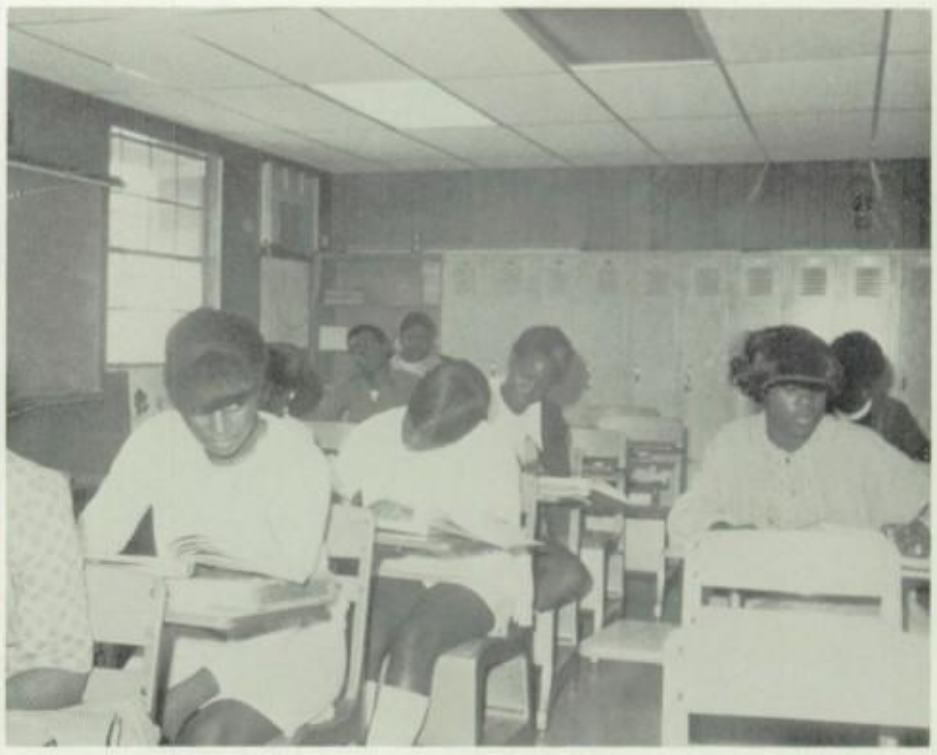

Seventh Grade Social Studies, Mr. Houston, Teacher.

Art Class, Mr. Abram, Instructor.

Girls Physical Education, Mesdames Reynolds and Jackson, Instructors.

English, Mrs. Shirley Smith, Instructor.

American History, Mrs. Grant, Instructor.

Doing a Little Bit of This and a Whole Lot of That

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"My, you certainly are camera shy."

"Miss Judy Charles, I wonder if she's related to Ray."

"Estella, what on earth are you doing?"

"You've heard of the Brady Bunch, meet the Homeroom 220 Bunch."

"Funny, funny, funny?"

"Say Pat, is it really good to eat."

We've Got Spirit

GO! GO TEAM! WIN!

They may be shy on the stage, but not on the basketball court.

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SHAKE THAT PURPLE AND GOLD!

We are a "Spirited Bunch".

YEAH, YEAH, YEAH!

Let's just watch those FOXY cheerleaders do their "thing".

Como Wins Boswell Track Meet

MILE RELAY TEAM: James Jones, Eugene Whigham (also won 440), Lawrence Neal and Marvin Meeks.

440 RELAY TEAM: William Miller, Eugene Whigham, James Jones and Marvin Meeks.

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ANOTHER VERSATILE ATHLETE

Marvin Meeks (Football and Track Star)!

N.Y.C. WORKERS

Henry Means, Cynthia Johnson, Elizabeth Brooks, Judy Charles, Front-Elouise Smith.

N.Y.C. WORKERS

Roosevelt Thompson, Emily Miller, Patsy Thompson, and Parthenia Smith.

N.Y.C. WORKER

Erma Johnson

These Seniors thought they were cute little babies and youngsters . . . but look at them now . . . still cute . . . huh?

Vanessa Cummings

Richard Lewis

James Jones

Arzetta Williams

Terry Haywood

Debra Johnson

James Bills

Syndi Cox

Ernest Walton

Wendell Strain

Patricia Lacy

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Oh, You Little Darlings

Emily Miller

Marvin Meeks

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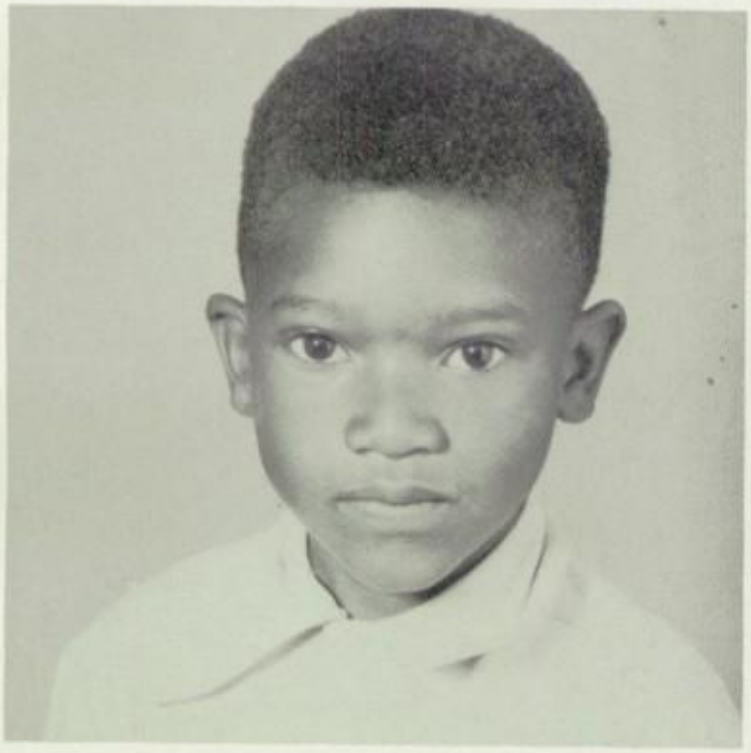
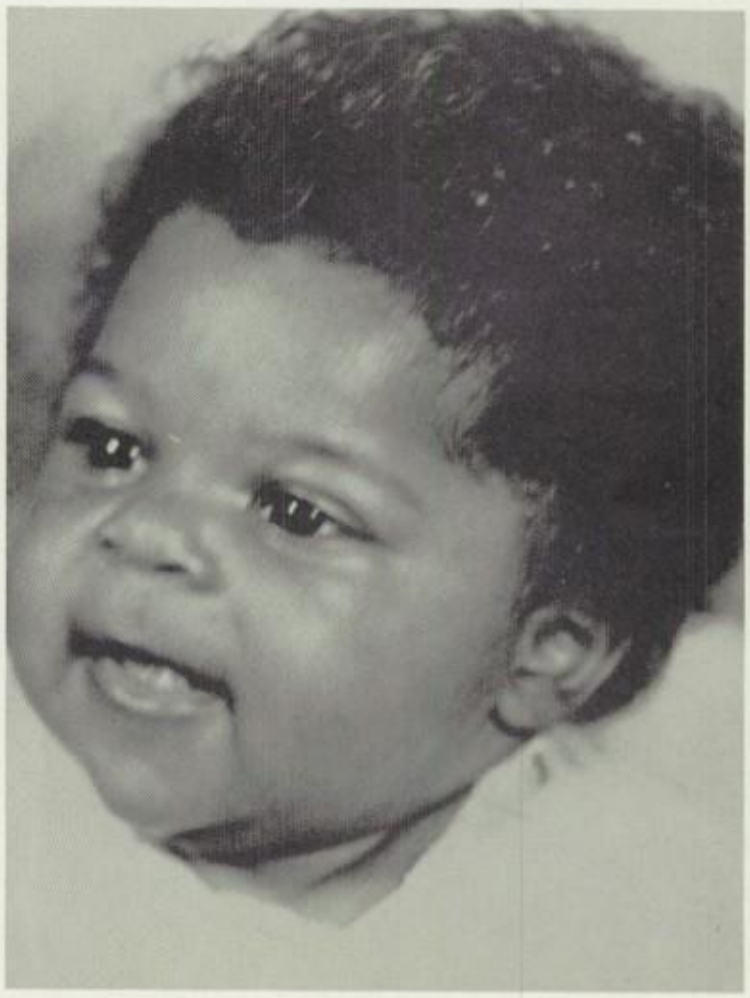


Roosevelt Thompson



Marilyn Bluitt

Cynthia Brightmon

Wendell Campbell

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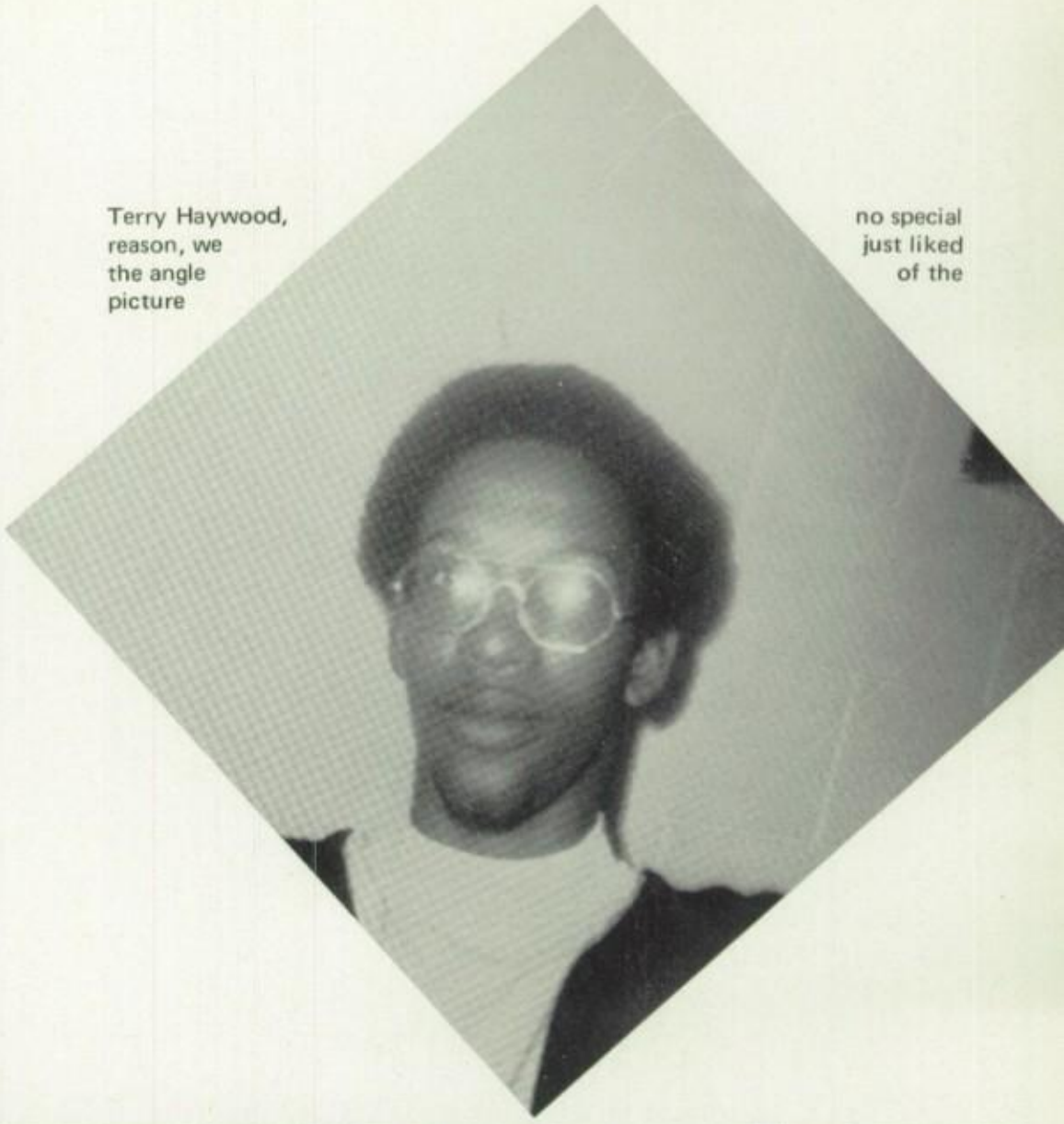
BEVERLYN YOUNG received trophy for best actress in the District for her performance in "Medea".



Terry Haywood, no special reason, we just liked the angle of the picture

Mrs. Jewell F. Kelly receiving gifts from the faculty, D.E. students and Chorus members (Teacher of the year).

"Hi, there."

"Our Own Little Combo—that Ingram Group" including Alexander and Jenkins . . .

Como French Club Tours New Orleans and Points of Interest Enroute

On the bus . . . rapping up a storm.

The entire group in front of the S.S. President just after their Mississippi Cruise

. . . On board the S.S. President. Two members and the No. 1 Chaperone, Mrs. Washington.

Still on board the S.S. President, the chaperones strike a pose, as members of the French Club look on.

Mrs. Washington and Glenn Nolly inside the St. Louis Cathedral . . . the oldest Catholic Cathedral in America.

One of the many patios in New Orleans, indescribably beautiful.

Senior Beauties

You have heard of the lottery system . . . you know the draft board does it. This is the results of our Senior Beauties Lottery System . . . We merely dumped them all in a box and then pulled out the first nine . . . This was the only alternative; there are many girls who would have qualified. This is just a sampling.

Brendly Boone

Cynthia Brightmon

Glenda Forge

Elstella Henry

Gloria Ingram

Deborah Manning Jefferson

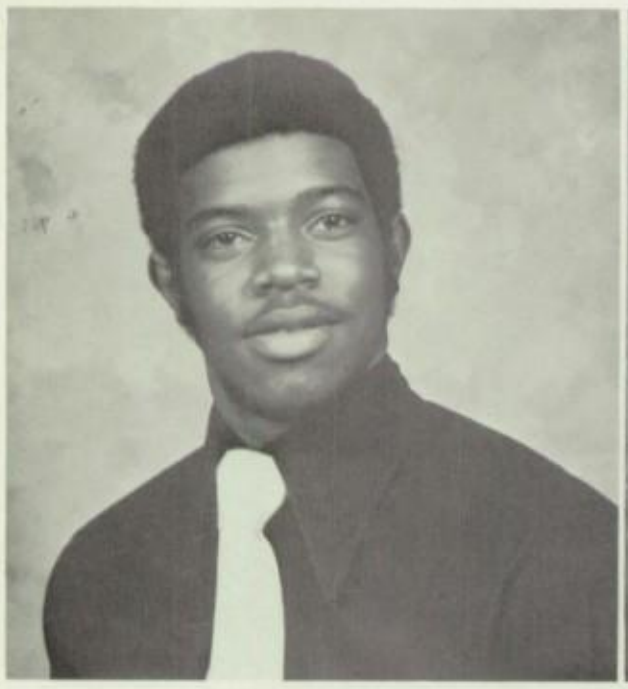
Patricia McGee

Emily Faye Miller

Sylvia Reynolds

Senior Beaus

By way of the lottery system, these are the most handsome senior males at Como . . . This too is a mere sampling.



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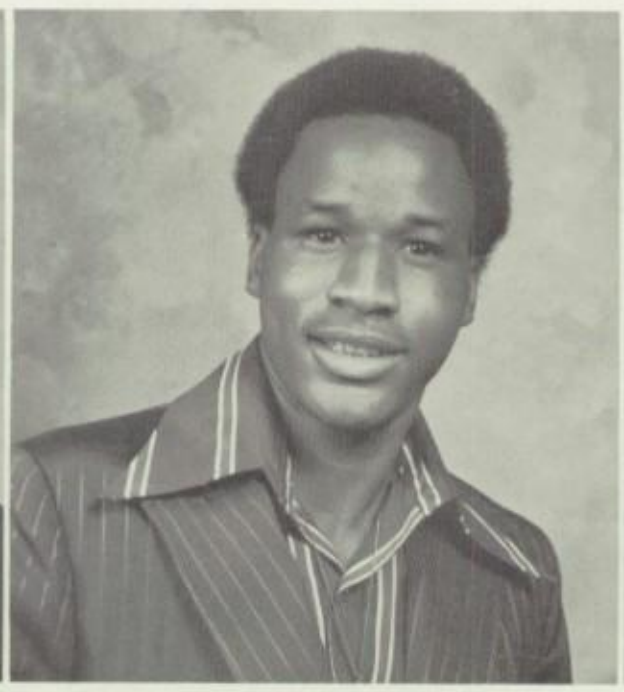

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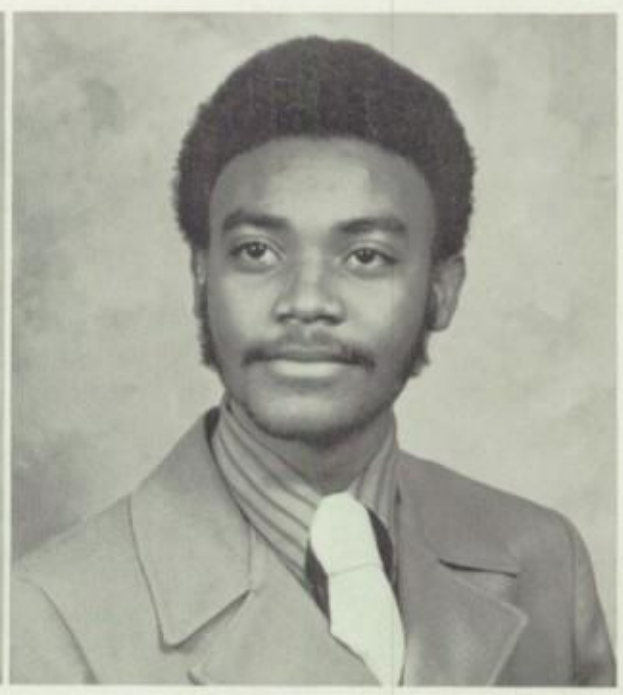

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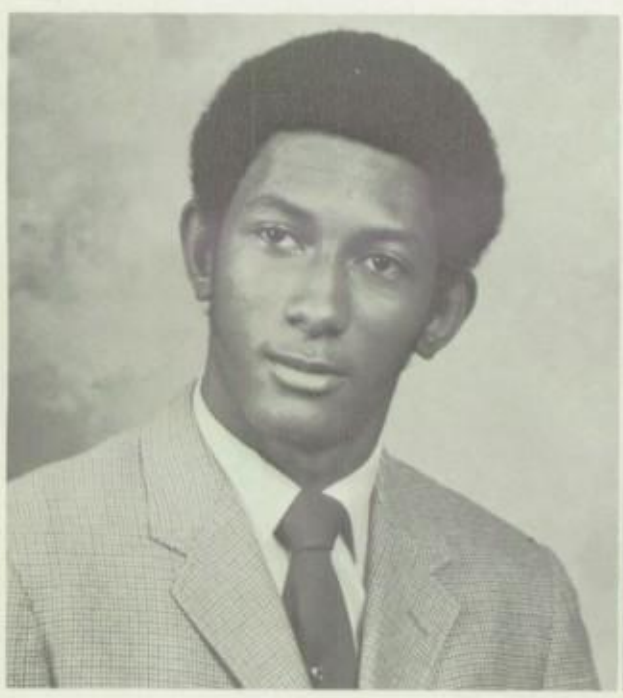

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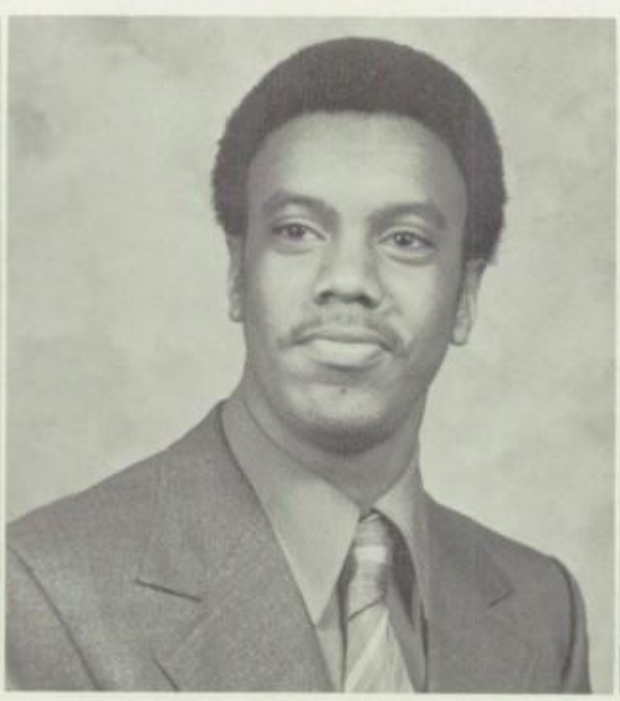

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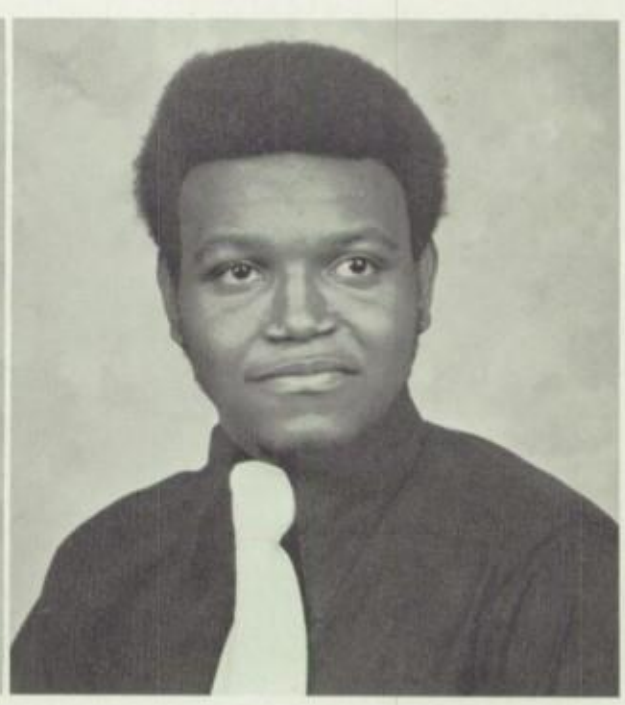

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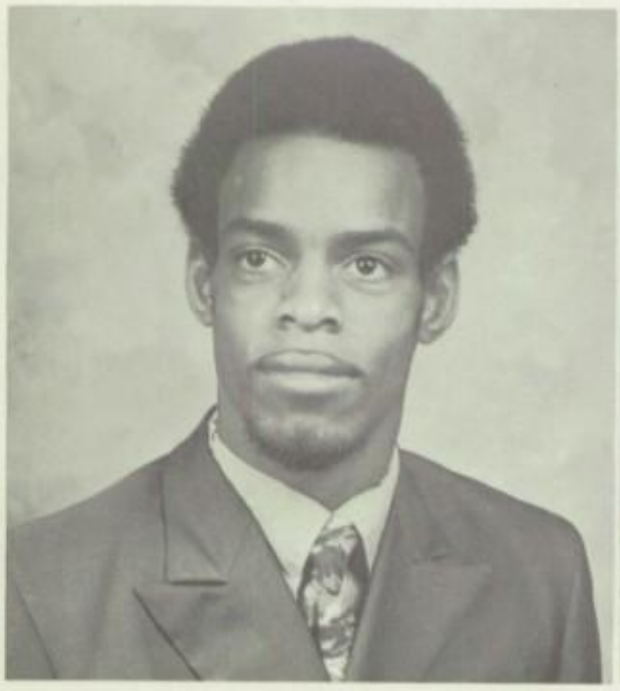

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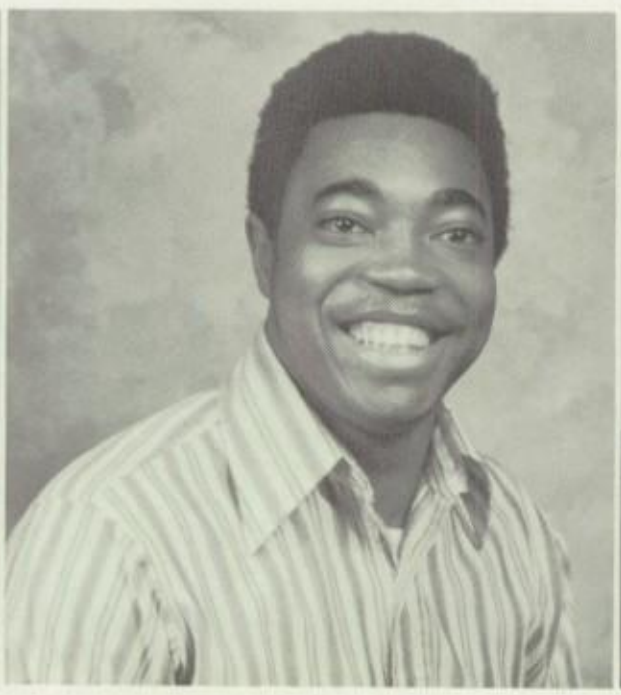

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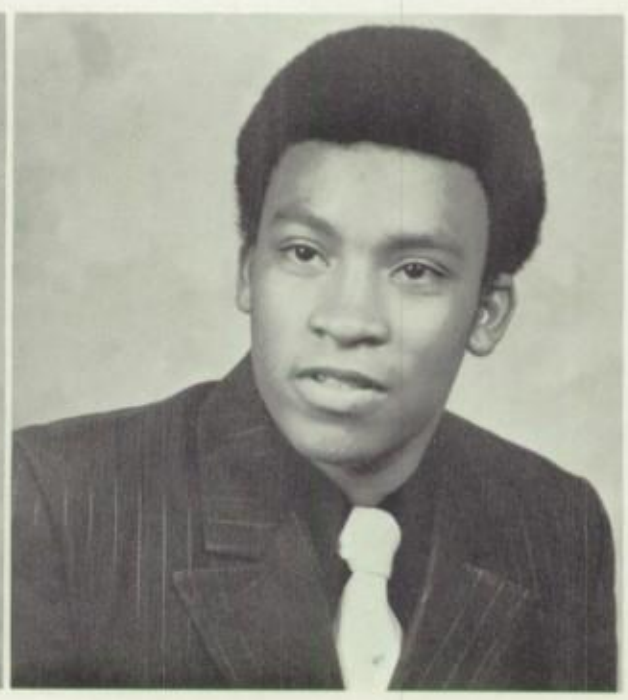

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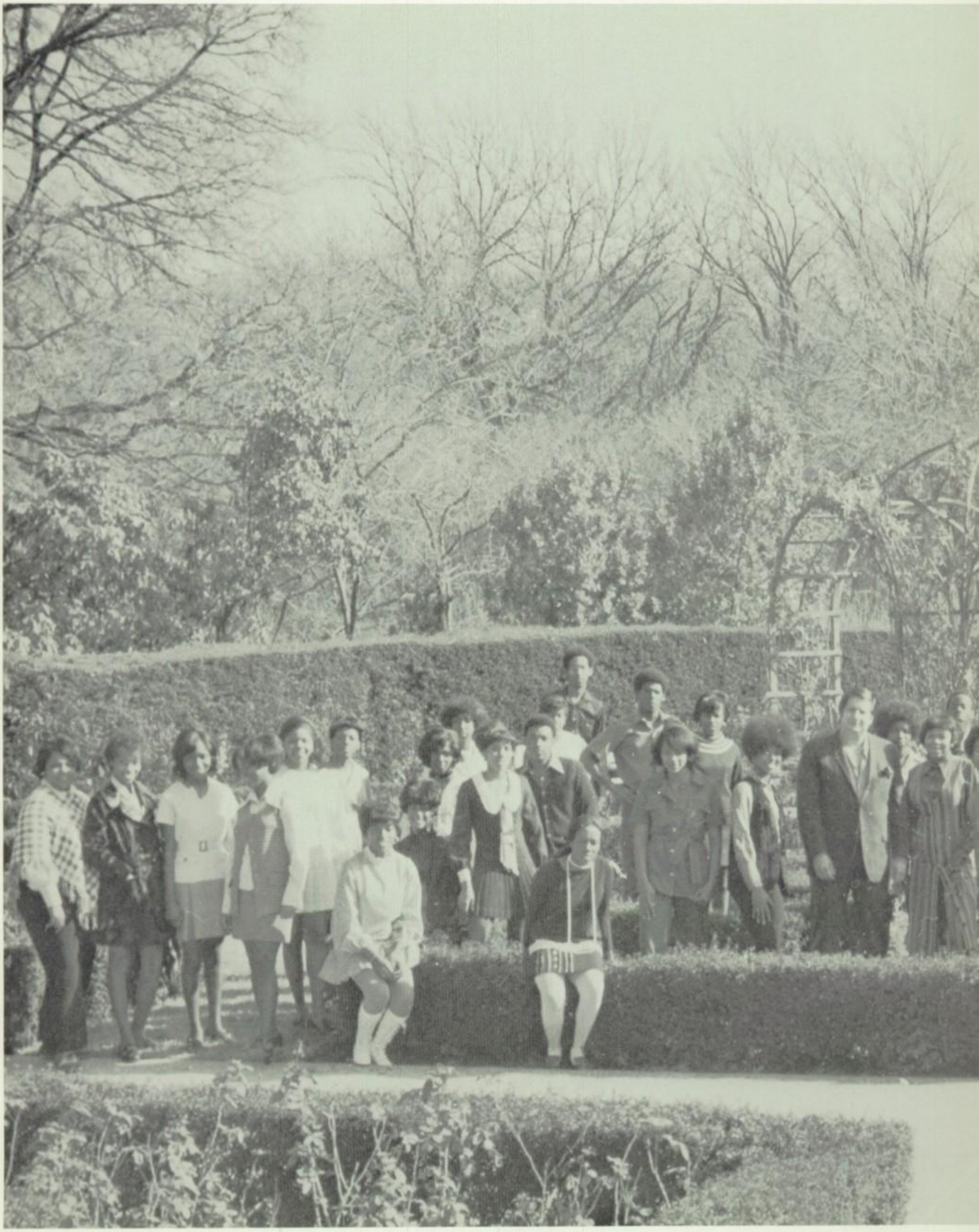

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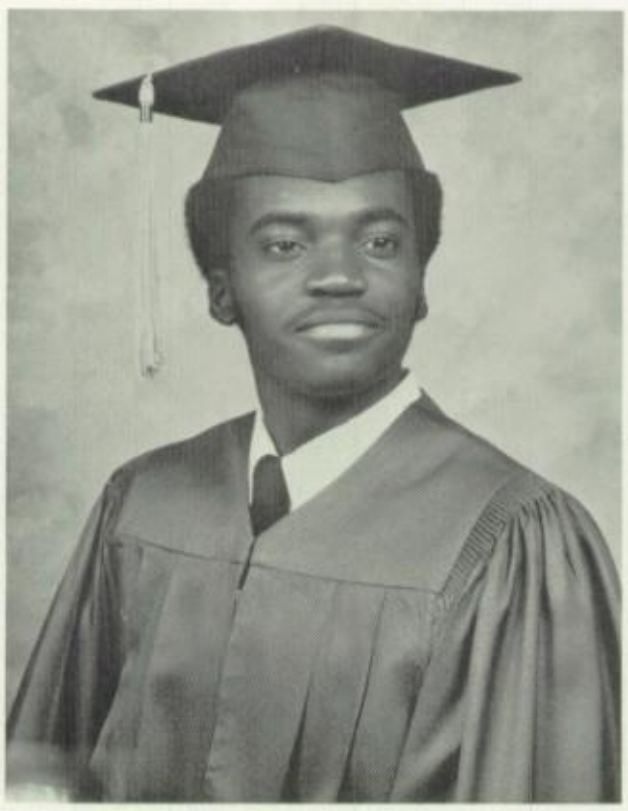

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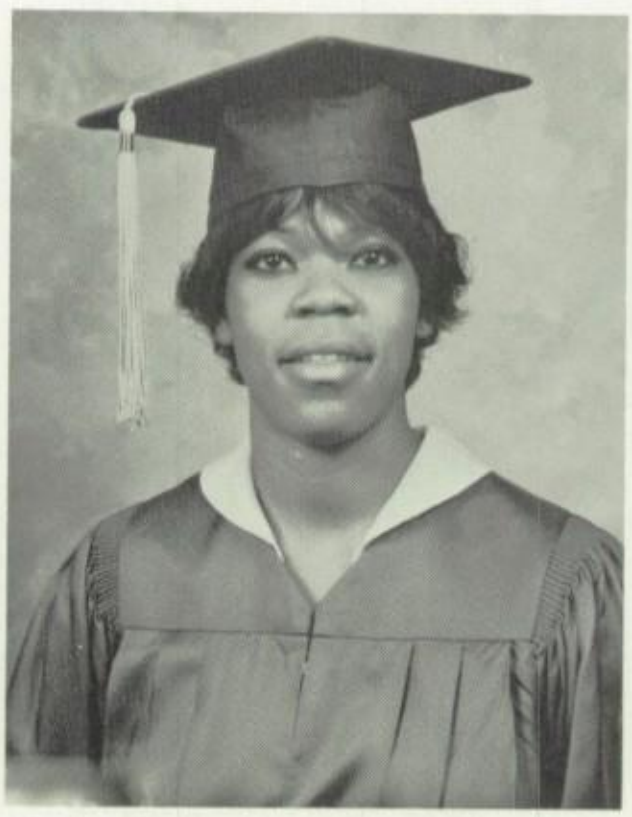

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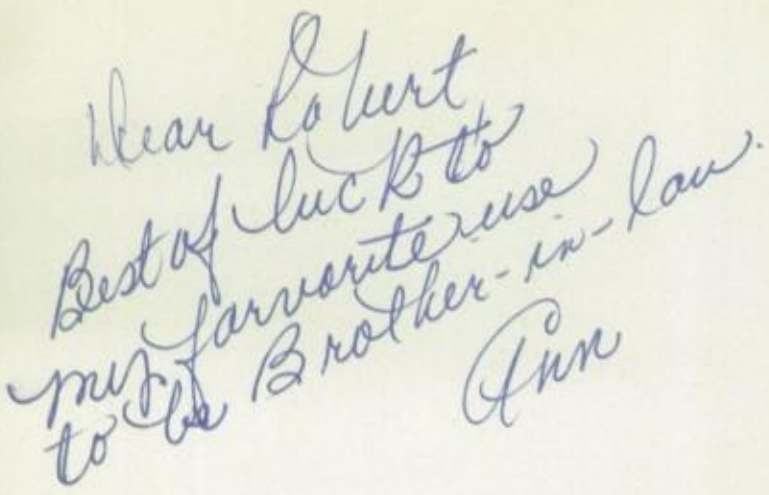
Dear Robert
Best of luck to
my favorite use
to be Brother-in-law.
Ann

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(Friends)

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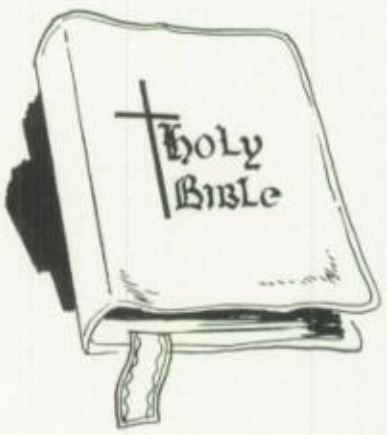

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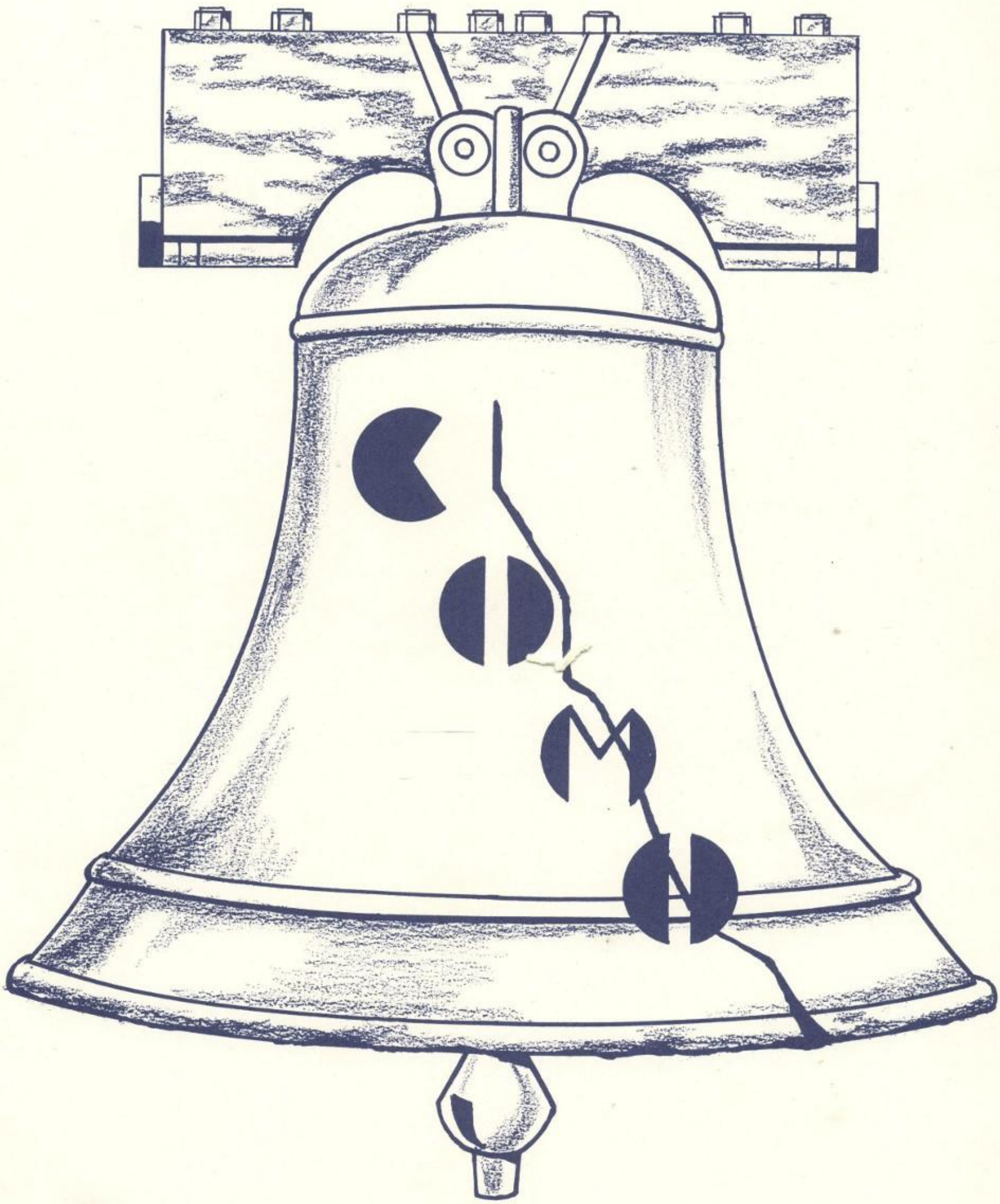

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